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## Key findings

In this bulletin we present data on achievements for all regulated qualifications (excluding GCSEs, GCEs and the Diploma and its components) in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, during the quarter April to June 2012.

There were over 2 million achievements during April to June 2012 in regulated qualifications (excluding GCSEs, GCEs and the Diploma). This is an increase of 8 per cent on the same quarter of 2011. These achievements covered 7,166 individual qualifications, offered across 132 awarding organisations.

In this quarter, there were 17,331 qualifications available and eligible for awarding, an increase of 17 per cent on the previous year. Of these, 952 were new qualifications added to the list of available regulated qualifications during the quarter April to June 2012.

During the 12-month period ending June 2012, there were over 8.2 million achievements, representing a 5 per cent increase on the 12-month period to June 2011.

In this bulletin we see that Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) and functional Skills qualifications saw the largest percentage increases. This growth is based on the number of achievements awarded – increases of 135 per cent and 65 per cent respectively – when comparing the 12-month periods ending June 2012 and June 2011.

The awarding organisation with the greatest number of achievements during this period was Pearson Education Ltd (Edexcel) with 1.6 million achievements. This represents 20 per cent of all achievements – except in GCSEs, GCEs and the Diploma – in the 12 months to June 2012. Of the top ten organisations with the highest number of achievements, NCFE showed the greatest percentage growth: 23 per cent, with 258,150 achievements.

The qualification with the greatest number of achievements in the 12-month period to June 2012 was the CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety and Catering qualification on the QCF. There were 184,050 achievements, representing an increase of 58 per cent on the previous 12 months.

Preparation for life and work was the sector subject area to see the greatest proportion of achievements, with over 2.8 million in the 12 months to June 2012, representing 34 per cent of the total (8.2 million). Achievements in this sector increased by 12 per cent on those in the previous 12 months. The highest growth was in the retail and commercial enterprise sector (17 per cent), and this was across

all levels of qualifications. The largest decline was in the health, public services and care sector (20 per cent).

Across all of England, there were 7.6 million achievements in the 12 months to June 2012 (representing 92 per cent across all three countries), 475,000 achievements in Wales (6 per cent) and 177,000 achievements in Northern Ireland (2 per cent).

In each of the three countries, England, Wales and Northern Ireland, QCF qualifications dominated with the largest share of achievements, followed by vocationally related qualifications (VRQs) in England, occupational qualifications in Wales and key skills qualifications in Northern Ireland.

## Introduction

This statistical bulletin is published by Ofqual. We regulate qualifications, examinations and assessments in England, and vocational qualifications in Northern Ireland.

Under the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009, one of our objectives is to improve public confidence in regulated qualifications and assessments by raising awareness and understanding of the qualifications we regulate. This bulletin contributes to our meeting this objective.

In this bulletin we present data on achievements for all regulated qualifications (excluding GCSEs, GCEs and the Diploma<sup>1</sup>) in England, Wales and Northern Ireland during the quarter April to June 2012. Similar statistics for Scotland can be found on the Scottish Qualifications Authority website.<sup>2</sup>

This is the first edition of the Vocational and Other Qualifications Quarterly bulletin, which replaces the Vocational Qualifications Quarterly report that we previously published. It focuses on **all** regulated qualifications, rather than just national vocational qualifications (NVQs), vocationally related qualifications (VRQs), qualifications on the QCF and occupational qualifications. Please note, this bulletin **does not** report on any achievements in GCSEs, GCEs or the Diploma and its components. When referring to regulated qualifications in this bulletin, GCSEs, GCEs and the Diploma are excluded.

It presents achievements for the latest quarter and the 12-month period to the end of the latest quarter. We are also now able to provide a breakdown by country (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). These changes are in response to feedback from users.

The bulletin is one of a suite of three publications presenting quarterly statistics on achievements for regulated qualifications. The other two bulletins are:

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<sup>1</sup> Data for GCSEs and GCEs can be found on the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) website at [www.jcq.org.uk/national\\_results/index.cfm](http://www.jcq.org.uk/national_results/index.cfm) or at [www.ofqual.gov.uk/research-and-statistics/statistics/general-data](http://www.ofqual.gov.uk/research-and-statistics/statistics/general-data).

<sup>2</sup> The Scottish Qualifications Authority is the national accreditation and awarding organisation in Scotland ([www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/42397.html](http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/42397.html))

- Higher Qualifications Quarterly (covers all qualifications at level 4 and above), hence there will be some overlap between figures in this bulletin and those in the Higher Qualifications Quarterly bulletin
- Supplemental Qualifications Quarterly (covers entry to level 3 for basic skills, entry level, English for speakers of other languages, free-standing mathematics qualifications, functional skills, key skills and other general qualifications). Again, there will be some overlap between figures in this bulletin and those in the Supplemental Qualifications Quarterly bulletin.

Each quarter, awarding organisations submit data to us on achievements in all regulated qualifications (including Diploma components but excluding GCSEs and GCEs) during the quarter. Achievements are awarded in the quarter during which the final certificates are issued. This bulletin shows the number of achievements in the quarter April to June 2012 and during the 12-month period ending June 2012 broken down by awarding organisation, sector subject area and level of qualification, by type and country. Information on the availability of qualifications is also provided. All qualifications (excluding GCSEs, GCEs and the Diploma) regulated by us are included, regardless of age of student, centre type and funding status of the qualification.

## **Geographical coverage**

In this bulletin we present achievements for regulated qualifications<sup>3</sup> (excluding GCSEs, GCEs and the Diploma) in England, Wales and Northern Ireland during the quarter April to June 2012.

In 2011 we started to collect data for England, Wales and Northern Ireland individually. As of this quarter, this bulletin publishes achievements by country. From 2012 we are also producing a separate bulletin presenting achievements in Northern Ireland only. This is available on our website: [www.ofqual.gov.uk/standards/150/909](http://www.ofqual.gov.uk/standards/150/909).

## **Qualification type**

At the point of accreditation, regulated qualifications are classified into 18 qualification types. We recognise that the classification system is not ideal, as very similar qualifications may appear under different types, for example NVQs and the QCF, and some qualifications are miscoded. We are working with experts to

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<sup>3</sup> Basic skills, English for speakers of other languages, entry level, free-standing mathematics qualifications, functional skills, higher, key skills, national vocational qualifications, occupational, other general, QCF and vocationally related qualifications.

investigate how this situation might be improved in the future. This bulletin presents figures on 12 of these types.<sup>4</sup>

## **Revisions**

Once published, data on the number of achievements for any qualification is not usually subject to revision. However, data may be revised in subsequent bulletins due to late-received data or if an error is identified. Qualifications may also be re-categorised to a different type, level, sector subject area or awarding organisation. In some cases, this may result in previous data being amended to reflect the new categorisation.

In this bulletin some figures have been revised since the January to March 2012 bulletin. These revisions were due to historical updates from two awarding organisations.

## **Completeness of the data**

Awarding organisations send us data every quarter. We contact any awarding organisation that does not return a complete set of data within the collection to ensure that the data is as complete as possible. For this quarter, we received data from all the awarding organisations.

Figures in the commentary and tables for the number of achievements awarded are rounded to the nearest 50. This reflects the inaccuracies inherent in any large-scale data collection. As a result of rounded figures, the percentages shown in pie charts will not necessarily sum to 100 per cent.

Due to seasonal variation in the number of achievements over the year, comparisons in this bulletin are only made with data in the same quarter of the previous year.

The raw data, since 1989, is available in the Regulated Qualifications Activity data set in the statistics section of our website: [www.ofqual.gov.uk/research-and-statistics/statistics/vocational-data](http://www.ofqual.gov.uk/research-and-statistics/statistics/vocational-data) .

## **Definitions**

Some of the key terms used in this bulletin are defined as follows:

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<sup>4</sup> Basic skills, English for speakers of other languages, entry level, free-standing mathematics qualifications, functional skills, higher, key skills, national vocational qualifications, occupational, other general, QCF and vocationally related qualifications.

- Accreditation – a process that reviews and confirms achievement to specific criteria and standards.
- Achievement – any award that is not graded as U, Absent or X
- Available qualification – a qualification eligible for an award
- Awarding organisation – organisations recognised to develop, deliver and award descriptions of qualifications.
- Active qualification – a qualification eligible for award to students, even if the qualification is no longer available for enrolment
- Certification – a formal acknowledgement of student achievement
- Recognition – an evidence-based process of achieving compliance with the criteria for recognition.

A glossary is available on our website at: [www.ofqual.gov.uk/files/2010-11-26-statistics-glossary.pdf](http://www.ofqual.gov.uk/files/2010-11-26-statistics-glossary.pdf) . It provides further details on sector subject area classifications and qualification types and levels.

In this bulletin ‘quarter’ refers to calendar quarters. So quarter 1 (Q1) refers to January to March, quarter 2 (Q2) to April to June, quarter 3 (Q3) to July to September, and quarter 4 (Q4) to October to December.

We are continually striving to improve the quality and coverage of information in these quarterly updates, and we welcome any suggestions or comments regarding this bulletin. Our contact details are at the end of this document.



## Achievements this quarter

To provide an overall perspective on achievements during the quarter April to June 2012, this section presents figures for all qualification types, except GCEs, GCSEs and the Diploma.

The total number of achievements across all qualification types for the period April to June 2012 is shown in the table below (with April to June 2011 figures shown for comparison).

Qualification	April to June 2011	April to June 2012	% change	Direction of change
Basic skills	175,300	151,200	-14	↓
ESOL	53,750	61,250	14	↑
Entry level (NQF)	22,500	14,250	-37	↓
Free-standing mathematics qualification	0	0	-	-
Functional skills	156,050	192,050	23	↑
Higher level (NQF)	3,900	2,500	-36	↓
Key skills	130,600	163,550	25	↑
NVQ	128,550	22,550	-82	↓
Occupational qualifications	3,600	700	-81	↓
Other general qualifications	128,800	43,700	-66	↓
QCF	721,250	1,221,800	69	↑
VRQ	384,950	195,000	-49	↓
<b>Total number of achievements</b>	<b>1,909,200</b>	<b>2,068,450</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>↑</b>

(ESOL: English for speakers of other languages; NQF: National Qualifications Framework)

In the quarter April to June 2012, there was an 8 per cent increase in achievements on the same quarter in 2011 (from 1.9 million to just over 2 million).

From the table above we can see the impact of qualifications being restructured onto the QCF, with an increase of 69 per cent in the number of achievements for these qualifications. The increase in QCF achievements could be due to a variety of reasons, including:

- the Skills Funding Agency's preference to fund qualifications on the QCF
- the revision of qualifications to fit with the apprenticeship framework
- the QCF offering three different sizes of each qualification (award, certificate and diploma), creating potential for a more qualifications and associated achievements
- awarding organisations engaging with sectors to offer new, innovative qualifications based on subject content.

Other qualifications that increased in terms of number of achievements included English for speakers of other languages (14 per cent) and functional skills (23 per cent). Basic skills declined by 14 per cent on the achievements in April to June 2011. This trend is partly due to functional skills qualifications replacing those in basic skills.

Key skills saw a significant increase of 25 per cent. This increase is partly due to a rise in the number of apprenticeships, which require functional skills and key skills qualifications. In addition, key skills qualifications continue to be available until September 2012 (their discontinuation having originally been planned for September 2010). In the 2010/11 academic year there were 200,300 apprenticeship achievements compared with 171,500 in 2009/10.<sup>5</sup>

The largest percentage decreases in achievements were reported in NVQs (82 per cent), occupational qualifications (81 per cent), and in other general qualifications (66 per cent); slightly smaller decreases were seen in VRQs (49 per cent), entry level (37 per cent) and higher qualifications (36 per cent).

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<sup>5</sup> Figures for achievements in apprenticeships are not included in this bulletin, as apprenticeships are not regulated qualifications. Further information can be found on the following website:  
[www.thedataservice.org.uk/statistics/statisticalfirstrelease/sfr\\_current](http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/statistics/statisticalfirstrelease/sfr_current)

## Regulated qualifications

There are over 17,000 available regulated qualifications (other than GCSEs, GCEs and the Diploma). These are qualifications that may be offered to students formally to enrol on. These qualifications are considered to be available until they pass certification end dates (see figure 1 below and table 1 in the appendix).

### Qualifications available

In April to June 2012, there was a net<sup>6</sup> increase of 17 per cent in the number of qualifications available, compared with the same quarter of the previous year. These qualifications comprise 11,690 qualifications on the QCF (68 per cent of the total), 1,971 VRQs (11 per cent), 1,305 NVQs (8 per cent) and 678 other general qualifications (4 per cent).

The remaining types of qualification each represent less than 3 per cent of the total (of which basic skills, free-standing mathematics qualifications and occupational qualifications each make up less than 1 per cent).

**Figure 1:** Number of available qualifications by type, April to June 2012

Qualification type	Number of available qualifications	
	April to June 2012	% of total
QCF	11,690	67.5
VRQ	1,971	11.4
NVQ	1,305	7.5
Other general qualifications	678	3.9
Higher level	423	2.4
Key skills	368	2.1
Entry level	315	1.8
Functional skills	201	1.2
ESOL	186	1.1
Basic skills	88	0.5
Occupational qualifications	86	0.5
Free-standing mathematics qualification	20	0.1
<b>Total number of qualifications</b>	<b>17,331</b>	<b>100</b>

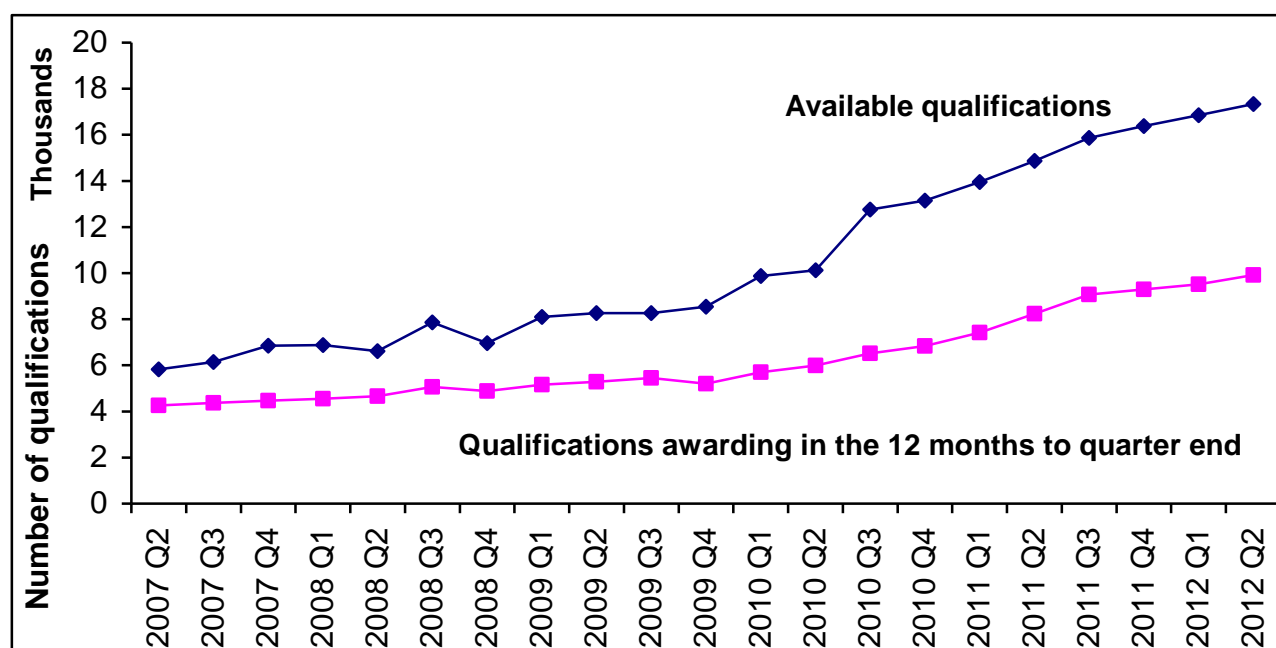
<sup>6</sup> Taking account of qualifications entering and exiting the market during the quarter April to June 2012.

During the last quarter, 952 new vocational qualifications were added to the list of available regulated qualifications. These included 930 QCF qualifications, 14 other general qualifications, two qualifications in English for speakers of other languages and six VRQs.

## Qualifications available and awarding

During April to June 2012, 57 per cent of all available qualifications had awarded achievements (9,911 out of 17,331). Figure 2 shows the number of available qualifications and how many of these awarded achievements in the last 12 months to the end of the quarters shown.

**Figure 2:** Number of available regulated qualifications and the number awarding, between April to June 2007 (2007 Q2) and April to June 2012 (2012 Q2)



We can see from figure 2 that the number of available qualifications grew at a consistent pace from the end of 2008. The most growth occurred around quarter 3 in 2010, when many QCF qualifications became available. We also see that over time the number of qualifications awarding did not grow at the same rate as the number of qualifications available, and that the gap is widening.

## Qualifications available but not awarding ('inactive')

To understand the gap between the number of available qualifications and the number awarding (in the 12 months to quarter end), we need to examine the difference between these numbers. The qualifications that fall into this gap are

considered to be inactive qualifications. They are qualifications that are available during April to June 2012 but have not awarded in the 12 months to June 2012.

Figure 3 shows the number of inactive qualifications by type of qualification.

**Figure 3:** The number of inactive qualifications by type of qualification, April to June 2012 (with April to June 2011 shown for comparison)

Qualification type	Number of inactive qualifications			
	April to June 2011	April to June 2012	% change	% of total type
QCF	4970	5594	13	48
VRQ	604	801	33	41
NVQ	382	355	-7	27
Higher level	209	186	-11	44
Other general qualifications	142	164	15	24
Key skills	114	139	22	38
Entry level	85	55	-35	17
ESOL	43	45	5	24
Functional skills	48	39	-19	19
Basic skills	13	22	69	25
Occupational qualifications	22	19	-14	22
Free-standing mathematics qualification	4	1	-75	5
<b>Total number of inactive qualifications</b>	<b>6,636</b>	<b>7,420</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>43</b>

When we examine the types of inactive qualifications we find that the QCF has the most (5,594), followed by VRQs and NVQs.

The number of inactive QCF qualifications increased by 13 per cent compared with June 2011. These qualifications represent 48 per cent of all QCF qualifications, which means the remaining 52 per cent of all QCF have awarded achievements at some point during the 12 months to June 2012. As these are fairly new qualifications, we would expect this figure to increase as they begin to certify.

The number of inactive VRQs increased by one-third from June 2011. These qualifications represent 41 per cent of all VRQs. As some of these qualifications move onto the QCF, the old qualifications cease to award. Over time we expect the availability of both NVQs and VRQs to decline.

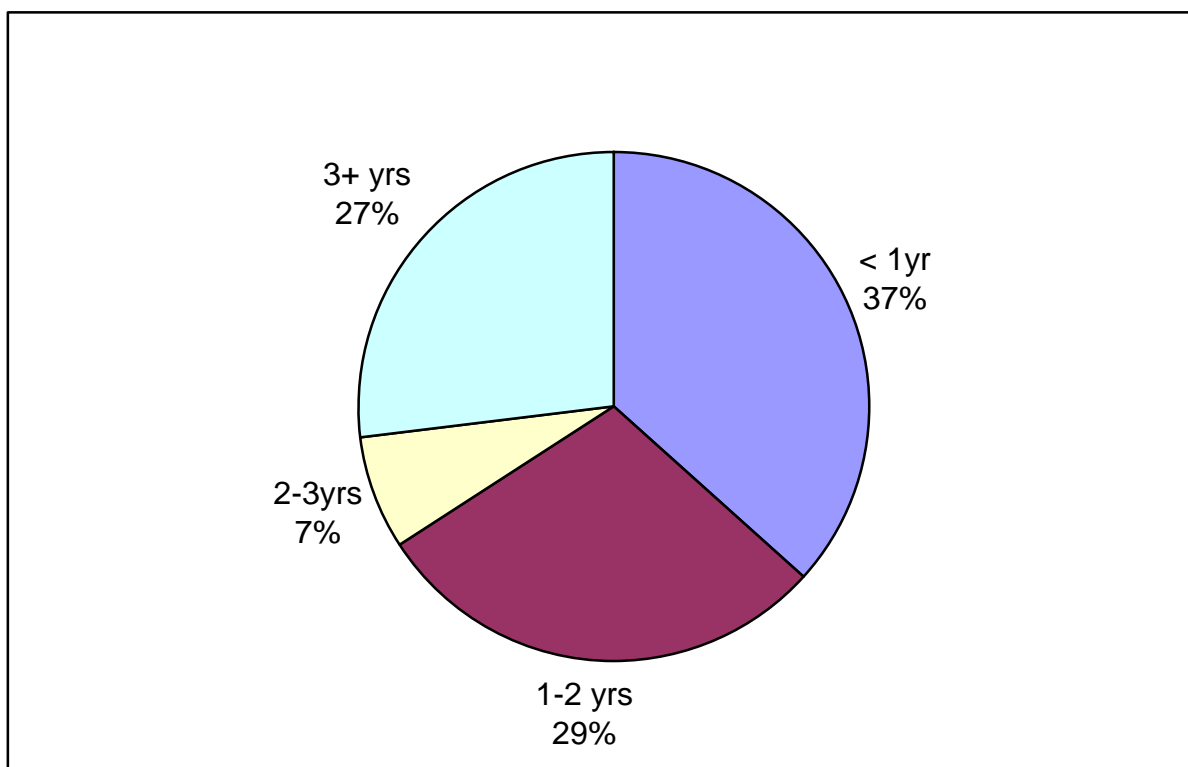
The number of inactive key skills and inactive basic skills qualifications has grown by 22 per cent and 69 per cent respectively. This is partly due to key skills and basic skills qualifications being replaced by new functional skills qualifications.

By June 2012 there were fewer inactive functional skills qualifications (39 compared with 48 the previous year). These qualifications were first introduced in 2010 and have begun to award during the period July 2011 to June 2012.

The number of inactive free-standing mathematics qualifications decreased from 4 in April to June 2011 to only one in April to June 2012. This represents a large percentage decrease (75 per cent), but as there is a total of 20 available free-standing mathematics qualifications, a high proportion (95 per cent) are still available to students.

Figure 4 shows the percentage of inactive qualifications by their age.

**Figure 4:** Proportion of inactive qualifications by age of qualification



Of the inactive qualifications, 66 per cent were less than 2 years old and had not awarded during the past 12 months (37 per cent were less than one year old and almost one-third of the qualifications were between 1 and 2 years old). The majority of these qualifications are QCF qualifications that have not yet awarded. Other types of qualification include other general qualifications, entry level and functional skills qualifications. These are partly due to new science qualifications (categorised as occupational qualifications) which were first introduced in 2010 and functional skills qualifications which only became available in September 2010 and have not yet awarded.

Approximately 27 per cent of inactive qualifications are over 3 years old. These comprise mainly VRQs, NVQs, other general qualifications, and higher, key skills and entry level qualifications. The majority of these qualifications are being phased out as they are restructured onto the QCF. Figure 5 shows the number of inactive qualifications by sector.

**Figure 5:** The number of inactive qualifications in April to June 2012 (with April to June 2011 shown for comparison) by sector subject area

Sector subject area	Number of inactive qualifications			
	April to June 2011	April to June 2012	% change	% of total type
Engineering and manufacturing technologies	1115	1166	5	53
Retail and commercial enterprise	799	1108	39	52
Arts, media and publishing	961	826	-14	40
Business, administration and law	653	785	20	43
Health, public services and care	629	684	9	40
Preparation for life and work	461	661	43	34
Construction, planning and the built environment	386	603	56	52
Languages, literature and culture	555	455	-18	40
Education and training	323	390	21	45
Leisure, travel and tourism	305	301	-1	33
Agriculture, horticulture and animal care	264	228	-14	31
Information and communication technology	122	131	7	31
Science and mathematics	51	62	22	41
History, philosophy and theology	7	12	71	32
Social sciences	5	8	60	33
<b>Total number of inactive qualifications</b>	<b>6,636</b>	<b>7,420</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>43</b>

The sectors subject areas of engineering and manufacturing technologies, and retail and commercial enterprise showed the highest number of inactive qualifications, representing 53 per cent and 52 per cent respectively of the total qualifications in the sectors.

Figure 5 also shows the number of inactive qualifications has reduced in the sector subject areas of arts, media and publishing, languages, literature and culture, and agriculture, horticulture and animal care.

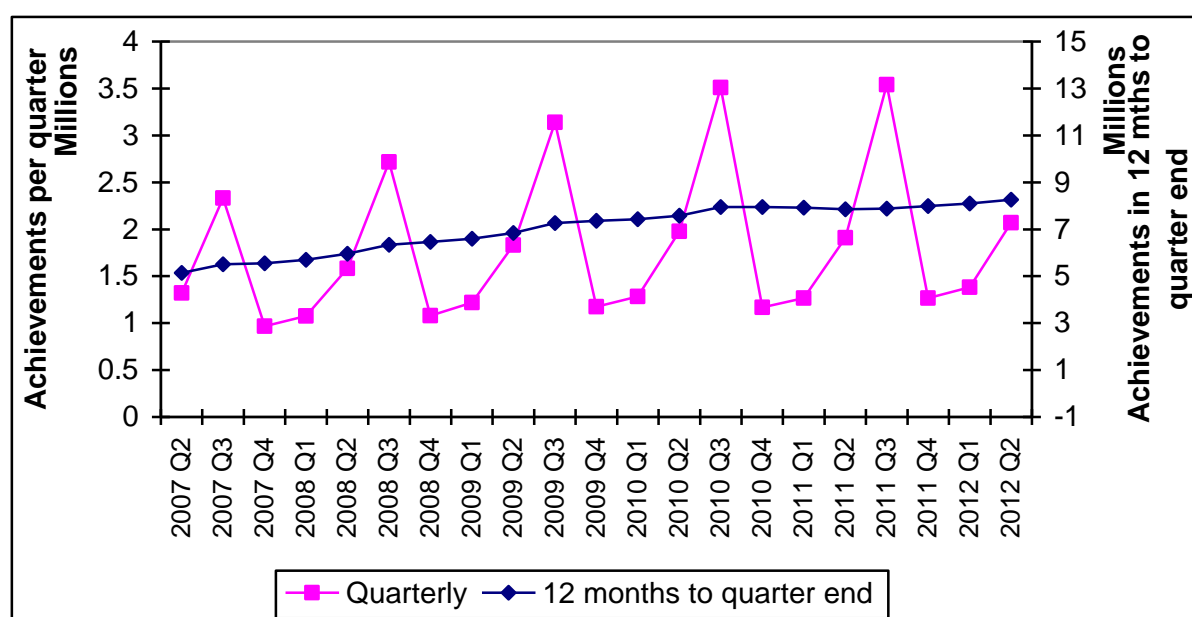


## Achievements in the 12 months to June 2012

In the 12-month period, ending June 2012, there were over 8 million achievements awarded in all regulated qualifications (except GCSEs, GCEs and the Diploma), an increase of 5 per cent on the same period ending June 2011 (see figure 6 below and table 2 in the appendix).

Figure 6 shows the trend in achievements per quarter and the 12-month periods to the end of each quarter.

**Figure 6:** Total number of achievements in vocational and other qualifications, between April to June 2007 (2007 Q2) and April to June 2012 (2012 Q2)



From figure 6 we see that the overall number of achievements increased from 5.1 million in the 12-month period to 2007 to around 8.2 million in the same period to 2012, representing an increase of 61 per cent across the five-year period. However, if we look at the trend over time, we see the line has started to flatten from 2010 quarter 3.

The number of achievements awarded in the 12 months to June 2012 by type of qualification is shown in figure 7 below.

**Figure 7:** Number of achievements in the 12 months to June 2012 (with figures for the 12 months to June 2011 shown for comparison)

Qualification	12 months to June 2011	12 months to June 2012	% change	Direction of change
Basic skills	670,000	517,200	-23	↓
ESOL	278,500	296,500	6	↑
Entry level (NQF)	207,350	149,400	-28	↓
Free-standing mathematics qualification	24,450	24,400	-	-
Functional skills	420,600	693,700	65	↑
Higher level (NQF)	41,800	22,050	-47	↓
Key skills	843,050	645,550	-23	↓
NVQ	812,650	228,700	-72	↓
Occupational qualifications	20,300	7,300	-64	↓
Other general qualifications	821,750	587,850	-28	↓
QCF	1,799,900	4,221,800	135	↑
VRQ	1,914,550	862,900	-55	↓
<b>Total number of achievements</b>	<b>7,854,800</b>	<b>8,257,200</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>↑</b>

During the 12 months to June 2012, there was a 5 per cent growth in achievements from 7.8 million achievements in 2011 to 8.2 million achievements in 2012. This growth was in line with the 8 per cent increase we saw in April to June 2012 (2 million achievements) compared with the same quarter of 2011(1.9 million).

From the table above, we can see the impact of the QCF, an increase of 135 per cent in the number of achievements awarded in this qualification type.

Achievements in functional skills also increased (by 65 per cent when comparing 12-month periods and by 23 per cent when comparing quarters). These qualifications were first available in September 2010 and, unlike other new qualifications, they are very active in awarding, partly due to their being a requirement of apprenticeship programmes.

Interestingly, achievements in key skills have decreased by 23 per cent in the 12 months to June 2012, (partly due to replacement by functional skill qualifications). Yet, if we compare achievements in the quarter April to June 2012 with achievements in April to June 2011, we see an increase of 25 per cent. This increase is partly due to the extension of key skills qualifications to September 2012.

## Awarding organisations

The 50 awarding organisations with the most achievements during the quarter April to June 2012 are shown in table 4 in the appendix.

During April to June 2012, 132 awarding organisations awarded achievements, representing 75 per cent of all recognised awarding organisations. Of these organisations, 63 increased the number of achievements awarded compared with the same period in 2011 and 47 organisations awarded fewer achievements. Twenty-two organisations had awarded no achievements in April to June 2011.

If we consider the number of achievements by awarding organisation in the 12 months to June 2012, figure 8 shows the top ten awarding organisations. The awarding organisation coming top was Pearson Education Ltd (also known as Edexcel with 1.6 million achievements (a 14 per cent increase on same period in 2011). The organisation coming second was City & Guilds with 1.4 million achievements (a 1 per cent increase).

**Figure 8:** The ten awarding organisations with the most achievements during the 12-month period ending June 2012 (equivalent figures for 2011 shown for comparison)

Awarding organisation	Number of achievements		
	12 months to June 2011	12 months to June 2012	% change
Pearson Education Ltd	1,431,600	1,634,100	14
City and Guilds of London Institute	1,444,650	1,459,600	1
OCR	1,080,100	1,094,750	1
EDI	285,950	342,650	20
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	355,800	298,450	-16
Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music	286,550	280,100	-2
NCFE	209,600	258,150	23
Assessment and Qualifications Alliance	267,550	257,900	-4
National Open College Network	197,800	231,100	17
University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations	172,700	171,800	-1

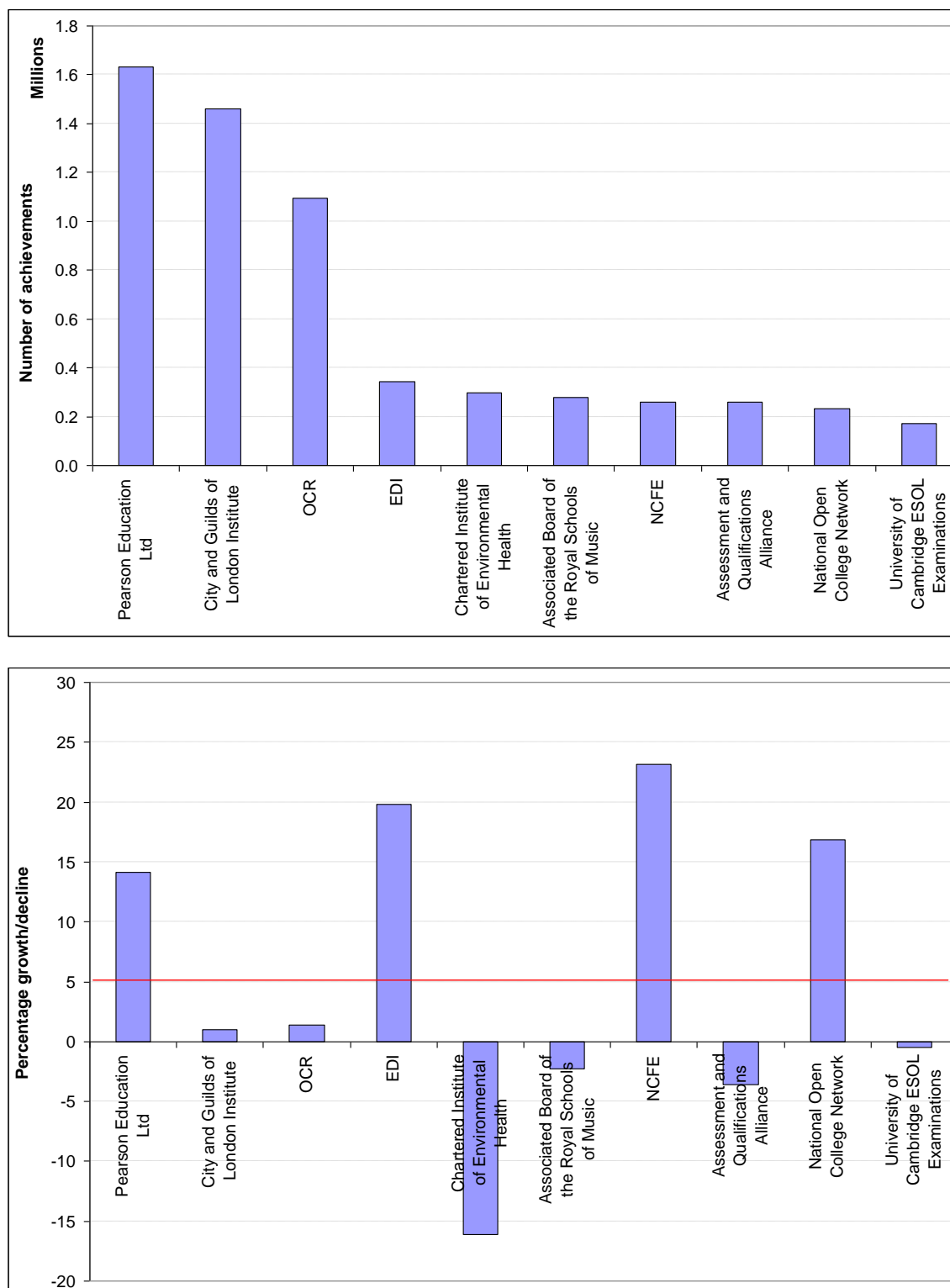
The 50 awarding organisations with the highest achievements in the 12 months to June 2012 are shown in table 5 in the appendix.

From table 5 we see that Skillsfirst Awards Ltd and Highfield Awarding Body for Compliance were the two organisations with the most growth, 146 per cent and 78 per cent respectively. This is not surprising, given that both organisations became recognised in April 2010.

We also see that AQA appears in 19<sup>th</sup> place when we examine the number of achievements in April to June 2012 (see table 4). Yet, if we compare AQA's achievements across the 12-month periods to June 2011 and June 2012 (in table 5) it appears in the top ten. This is due to the increase in functional skills achievements, which, for AQA, makes up approximately three-quarters of its total achievements.

The second graph in figure 9 shows the percentage growth and decline in the top ten organisations shown above.

**Figure 9:** The ten awarding organisations with the most achievements in the 12 months ending June 2012; the second graph shows percentage growth/decline (the red line representing average change for all qualifications of 5 per cent)



Of the top ten awarding organisations, NCFE had the most growth in achievements, with a 23 per cent increase to 258,150 achievements. NCFE was followed by EDI and the National Open College Network with increases of 20 per cent and 17 per cent respectively. The Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH) showed the greatest decline in achievements, with 298,450 a 16 per cent decrease compared with the same period in 2011.

## Qualifications

The 50 qualifications with the most achievements in the quarter April to June 2012 are given in table 6 in the appendix.

There were achievements in 7,166 available qualifications during April to June 2012, representing 41 per cent of all available qualifications. This proportion is the same as April to June of 2011, when 6,182 qualifications awarded out of the 14,871 that were available, representing 41 per cent of the total available at the time.

The ten qualifications with the greatest number of achievements in the 12-month period to June 2012 are shown in figure 10 below. And table 7 in the appendix presents the 50 qualifications with the greatest number of achievements in the 12 months to June 2012.

**Figure 10:** Top ten qualifications during 12-month period ending June 2012 (equivalent figures for 2011 shown for comparison)

Qualification	Number of achievements		
	12 months to June 2011	12 months to June 2012	% change
CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	116,200	184,050	58
OCR Level 2 National First Award in ICT	73,050	118,700	63
OCR Level 2 National Award in ICT	41,650	75,800	82
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Music Performance	158,850	59,700	-62
Sports Leaders UK Level 1 Award in Sports Leadership (QCF)	16,500	55,650	237
OCR Level 2 Certificate in Adult Literacy	57,950	49,250	-15
OCR Level 1 Certificate in Adult Numeracy	54,950	48,100	-12
Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 1	17,850	46,400	160
OCR Level 2 Certificate in Adult Numeracy	52,050	45,100	-13
CIEH Level 2 Award in Health and Safety in the Workplace (QCF)	31,350	44,600	42

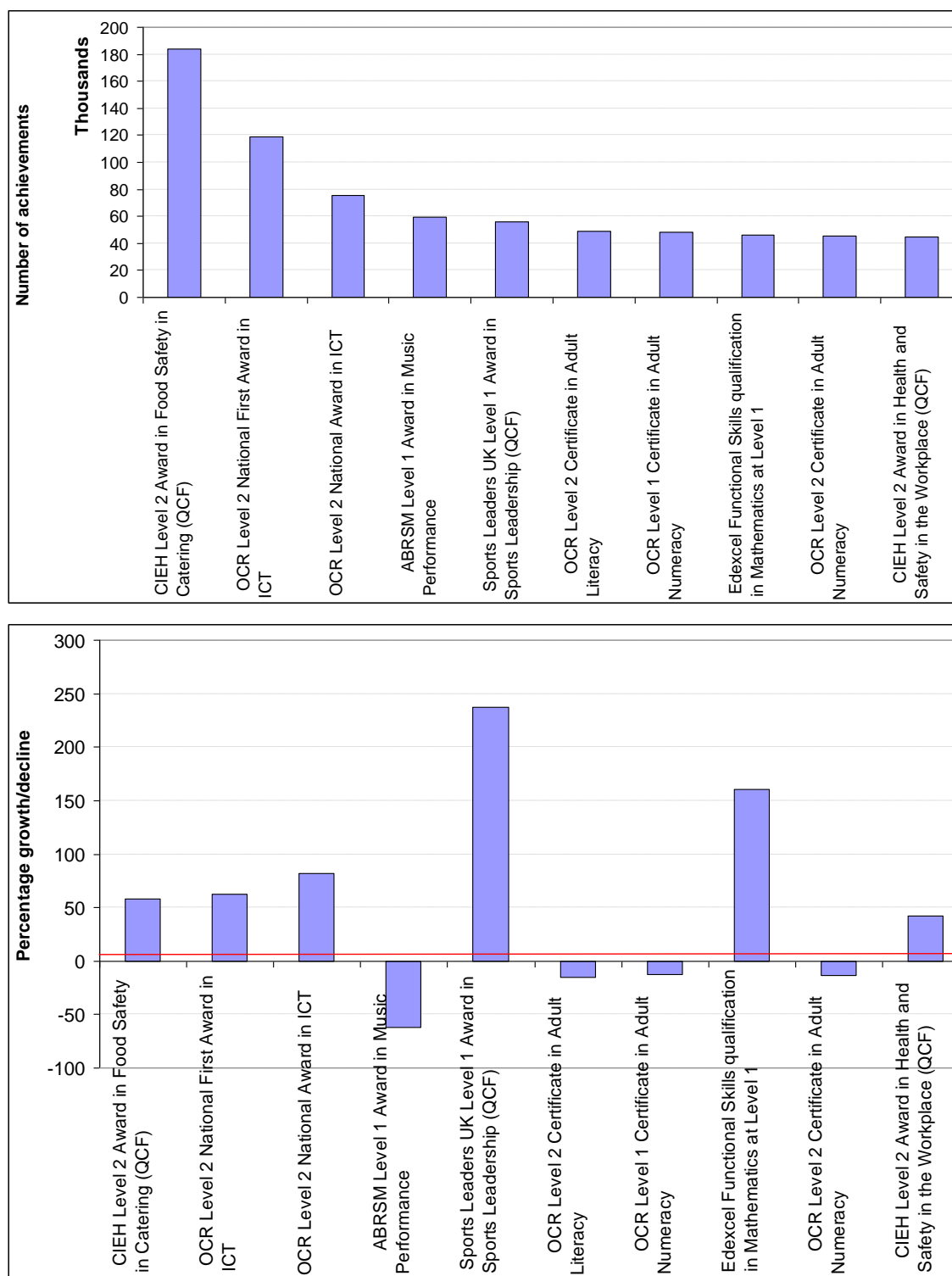
The qualification with the greatest number of achievements was the CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering, with 184,050 achievements during the 12-month period to June 2012. This qualification was previously a VRQ and has now been restructured and moved onto the QCF.



The ABRSM Level 1 Award in Music Performance shows 62 per cent fewer achievements awarded since June 2011. This is because the qualification transferred from being of type 'other general' to the QCF in August 2011, and the 59,700 achievements shown for the 12 months to June 2012 were the last set of achievements awarded.

Figure 11 shows the ten qualifications with the greatest number of achievements in the 12-month period to June 2012 and the second graph in figure 11 compares the percentage change in achievements by the top ten awarding organisations.

**Figure 11:** The ten qualifications with the most achievements in the 12 months ending June 2012; the second graph showing percentage growth/decline (the red line representing average change for all qualifications of 5 per cent)



Of the top ten, the qualification Sports Leaders UK Level 1 Award in Sports Leadership showed the greatest percentage growth. With 55,650 achievements, it has over three times as many achievements as this time last year. This qualification became available on the QCF from September 2010.

The second qualification with the most percentage growth is the Edexcel Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 1. Its 46,400 achievements represent an increase of 160 per cent on the same period in 2011.

And if we look at the list of top 50 qualifications in table 7 in the appendix, we see that the Edexcel Functional Skills Mathematics Level 2 also grew by 204 per cent, with 38,750 achievements in 2012 compared with 12,750 achievements in 2011. The City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Entry 3 has grown by 210 per cent, with 35,500 achievements in 2012 compared with 11,450 achievements in 2011.

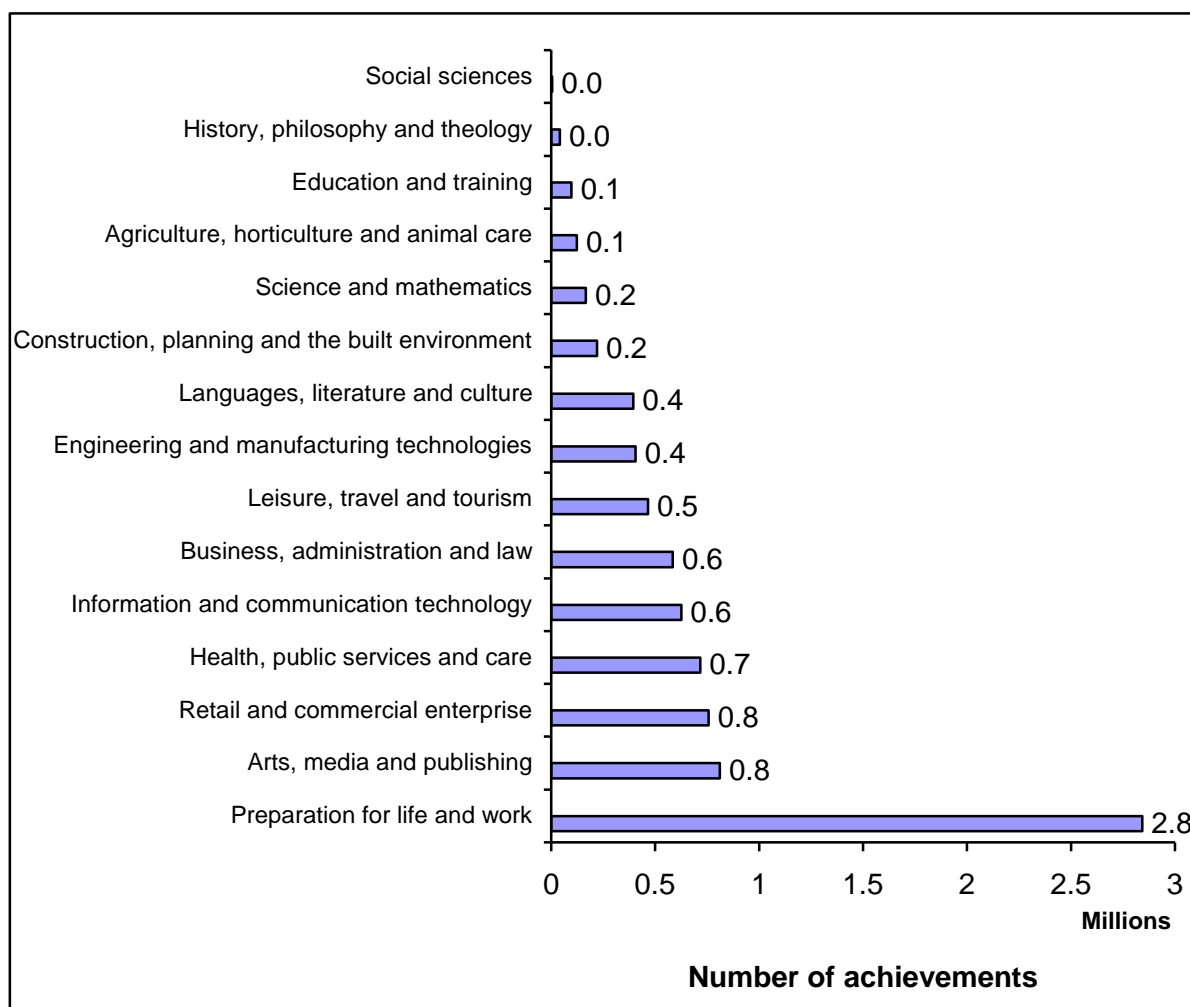
## **Sector subject area**

Regulated qualifications are allocated to one of 15 sector subject area codes (see the glossary on our website for further details).

Total achievements by sector subject area during the quarter April to June 2012 are given in table 8 in the appendix. Table 9 gives a breakdown of achievements by sector subject area into second-tier subject areas.

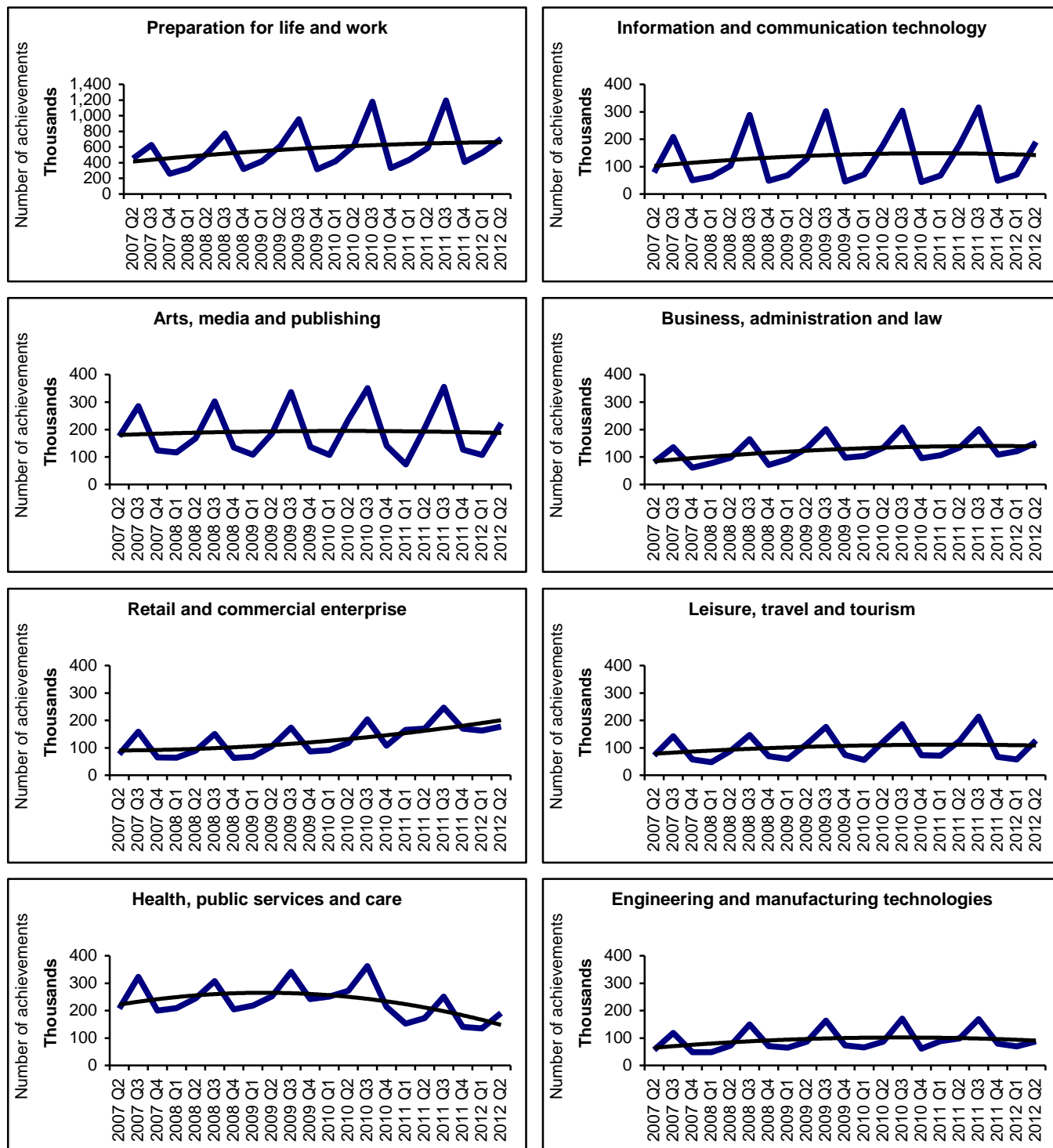
Figure 12 shows the number of achievements in each sector subject area during the 12 months to June 2012. The sector that awarded the greatest number of achievements was preparation for life and work (2.8 million, representing 34 per cent of total achievements). Qualifications in this sector generally cover numeracy and literacy skills, ranging from basic skills, key skills and functional skills qualifications. Given the increase in functional skills this quarter, it is not surprising that this sector is also the largest.

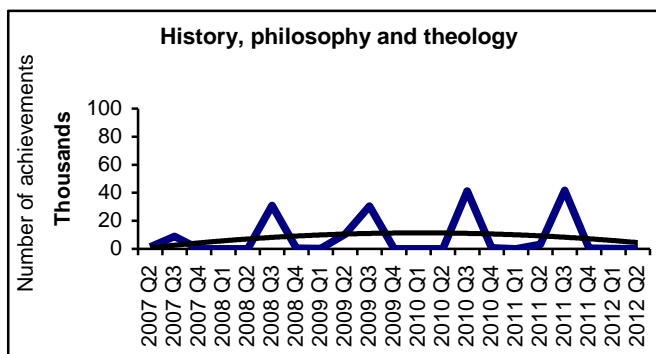
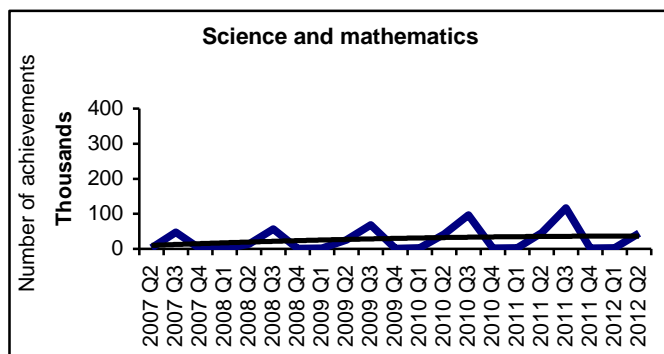
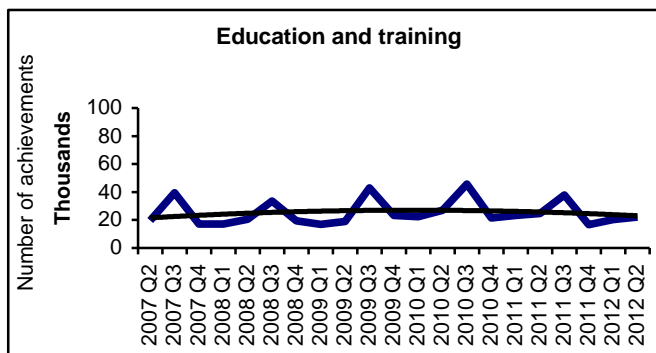
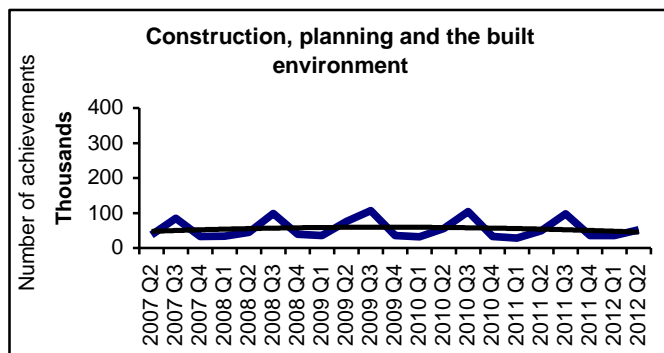
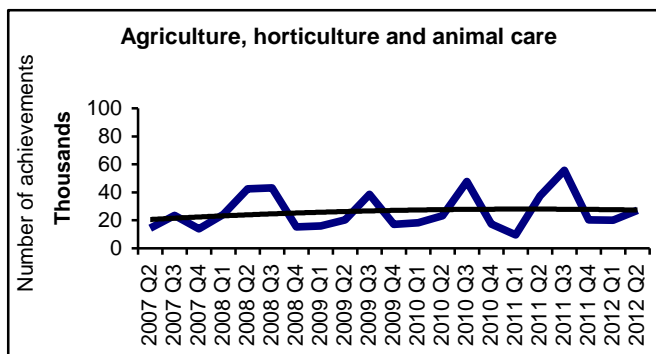
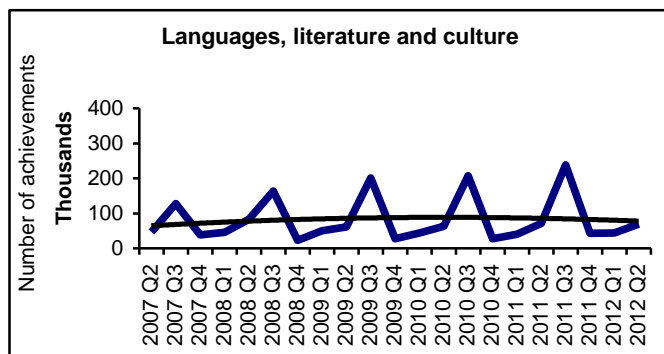
**Figure 12:** Number of achievements by sector subject area during the 12-month period to June 2012



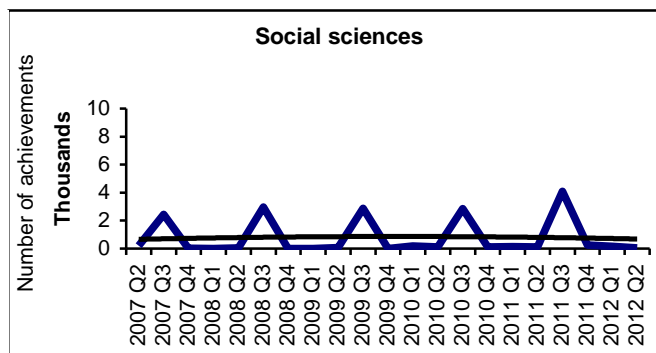
The charts in figure 13 show the trends in achievement by quarter for each of the sectors since quarter 2 of 2007, beginning with preparation for life and work. Charts are presented in order of sectors with the most achievements in the 12 months ending June 2012. Note the y-axis scales of the charts may vary.

**Figure 13:** Achievements in each sector subject area by quarter between April to June 2007 and April to June 2012 (the black line representing average trend)





The graphs to the right are presented on a scale of 100,000 achievements for comparability, except for social sciences, which is on a scale of 10,000 achievements as the numbers are much lower.



The sector for retail and commercial enterprise shows continual growth in the number of achievements awarded per quarter since quarter 4 of 2008. In quarter 2 of 2012, this sector awarded the more achievements than in any quarter 2 in previous years. The trend in health, public services and care has been one of decline over the past three years. The engineering and manufacturing technologies sector has fewer achievements this quarter compared with the same quarter in 2011, despite an overall trend of growth since 2007.

Figure 14 shows the number of achievements in each sector subject area during the 12-month period to June 2012, broken down by level of qualification.



**Figure 14:** Number of achievements in the 12 months to June 2012, by sector subject area and level of qualification

Sector subject area	Number of achievements in the 12 months ending June 2012 (% change from 12 months ending June 2011)											
	All levels	% change	Entry	% change	Level 1	% change	Level 2	% change	Level 3	% change	Levels 4 - 8	% change
Preparation for life and work	2,842,700	12	637,700	46	1,091,850	13	1,004,550	-3	108,500	6	50	-45
Arts, media and publishing	811,250	5	19,550	27	370,550	6	267,250	6	144,850	-2	9,100	30
Retail and commercial enterprise	756,500	17	6,200	74	56,400	10	615,950	19	76,150	6	1,800	7
Health, public services and care	717,200	-20	33,200	15	109,400	7	408,850	-26	151,600	-24	14,150	-32
Information and communication technology	625,050	5	28,400	-17	87,300	2	470,100	7	37,750	12	1,500	2
Business, administration and law	584,000	7	4,600	-14	53,400	34	299,650	7	165,550	5	60,800	0
Leisure, travel and tourism	465,100	2	10,000	-6	132,600	-15	257,350	14	64,100	4	1,050	6
Engineering and manufacturing technologies	405,750	-3	11,150	22	41,200	13	254,950	3	94,650	-23	3,850	5
Languages, literature and culture	393,000	14	96,700	-9	185,250	24	86,150	31	24,450	2	400	-7
Construction, planning and the built environment	220,750	3	2,300	385	47,500	5	117,400	-4	49,850	17	3,700	-8
Science and mathematics	162,900	11	19,900	-15	2,250	-53	110,700	17	29,750	24	350	-32
Agriculture, horticulture and animal care	123,200	10	700	133	25,750	18	79,850	8	16,150	8	700	-12
Education and training	97,050	-16			0	-98	17,700	-28	49,650	-21	29,700	11
History, philosophy and theology	40,250	-11	7,350	-26	14,000	-13	15,800	0	3,100	-8	0	100
Social sciences	3,300	2	2,500	-6	500	17	100	594	200	28	0	-80
Total	8,248,050	5	880,200	28	2,217,950	9	4,006,350	2	1,016,400	-5	127,150	-1

Notes:

- Figures for Level 1\_2 achievements are available for 2012, but not for 2011. Therefore they have been excluded in this table.
- All figures are rounded to the nearest 50; values less than 25 will appear as zero. Figures have been rounded independently so may not sum to the total.
- Blank cells represents no achievements.

We know that preparation for life and work saw the most achievements during the 12-month period to June 2012 (2.8 million, representing an increase of 12 per cent on the same period in 2011). This growth is primarily in qualifications at entry level and level 1, which have seen increases of 46 per cent and 13 per cent respectively.

Arts, media and publishing, the second largest sector in terms of number of achievements, has seen growth in all levels of qualification except level 3 which decreased only slightly by 2 per cent.

The sector for retail and commercial enterprise saw the highest levels of growth in the past 12 months – a 16 per cent increase to 751,700 achievements – and this growth is across all levels of qualification.

The largest decline was in the health, public services and care sector, a 20 per cent decrease overall primarily due to a reduction in achievements in qualifications at level 2 and above.

## Country

Awarding organisations have been providing a breakdown of their achievements by country since April 2011. We now have information on achievements for a full 12-month period, and this bulletin is the first to report on country-level achievements.

Tables 10 to 12 in the appendix present the 50 awarding organisations with the most achievements for England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Figure 15 presents the number of achievements in each of the three countries and across all the countries combined.

We know achievements in QCF qualifications represent the largest proportion of total achievements in England, Wales and Northern Ireland combined. From figure 15 we see that QCF qualifications also dominate in England (52 per cent), Wales (35 per cent) and in Northern Ireland (53 per cent).

Key skills qualifications have a greater percentage of achievements in both Wales and Northern Ireland (18 per cent and 19 per cent respectively) than they do in England (7 per cent).

In Wales, achievements in other general qualifications represent 29 per cent of the total for Wales (137,450), but the proportion in both England and Northern Ireland is much smaller, 6 per cent and 9 per cent respectively.

**Figure 15:** Number of achievements in the 12 months to June 2012, by country and type of qualification

Qualification type	Number of achievements in the 12 months ending June 2012							
	England, Wales & NI	% of Total	England	% of Total	Wales	% of Total	Northern Ireland	% of total
QCF	4,221,800	51.1	3,959,350	52.1	168,650	35.4	93,800	53.0
VRQ	862,900	10.5	812,400	10.7	37,950	8.0	12,550	7.1
Functional skills	693,700	8.4	692,850	9.1	750	0.2	50	0.0
Key skills	645,550	7.8	526,950	6.9	85,800	18.0	32,800	18.5
Other general qualifications	587,850	7.1	434,950	5.7	137,450	28.9	15,400	8.7
Basic skills	517,200	6.3	509,550	6.7	1,350	0.3	6,300	3.6
ESOL	296,500	3.6	290,350	3.8	3,800	0.8	2,350	1.3
NVQ	228,700	2.8	203,950	2.7	17,900	3.8	6,850	3.9
Entry level	149,400	1.8	122,900	1.6	21,350	4.5	5,150	2.9
Free-standing mathematics qualification	24,400	0.3	24,300	0.3	100	0.0	0	0.0
Higher level	22,050	0.3	20,150	0.3	300	0.1	1,600	0.9
Occupational qualifications	7,300	0.1	6,550	0.1	550	0.1	150	0.1
<b>Total number of achievements</b>	<b>8,257,200</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>7,604,250</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>475,950</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>177,000</b>	<b>100</b>

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Figure 16 shows the number of achievements during the 12-month period ending June 2012 by the sector subject area and the country in which the qualification was awarded.

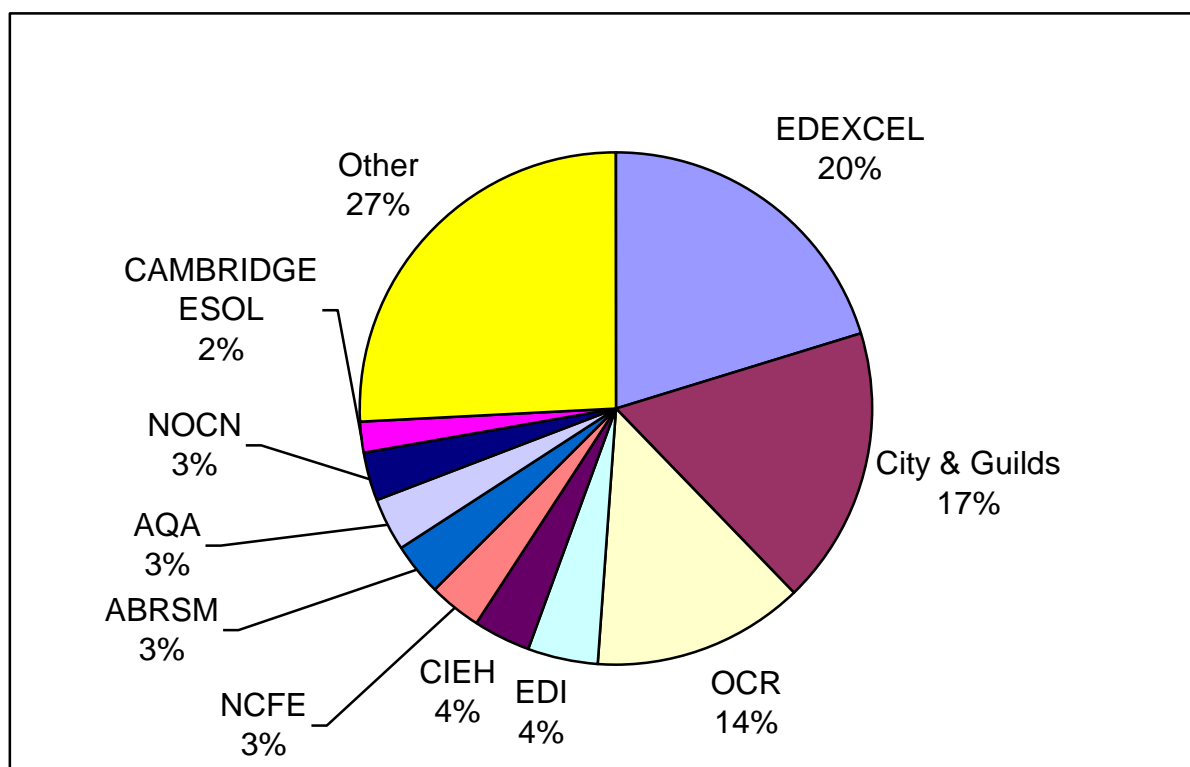
The sector subject area preparation for life and work continues to dominate in both England and Northern Ireland (34 per cent and 30 per cent of the total respectively) and more prominently so in Wales with 51 per cent of the total. In Wales, the second largest sector in terms of the proportion of total achievements was retail and commercial enterprise with 22,450 achievements (7 per cent of the total). In Northern Ireland, the sector with the second largest share was arts, media and publishing with 4,750 achievements (15 per cent of the total). Arts, media and publishing is also the second largest sector in England alone and across all three countries together.

**Figure 16:** Number of achievements in the 12 months to June 2012, by country and sector subject area

Sector subject area	Number of achievements in the 12 months ending June 2012							
	England, Wales & NI	% of Total	England	% of Total	Wales	% of Total	Northern Ireland	% of total
Preparation for life and work	2,842,700	34.4	2,548,700	33.5	241,750	50.8	52,250	29.5
Leisure, travel and tourism	756,500	5.6	698,750	5.9	33,700	3.1	24,050	2.7
Health, public services and care	717,200	8.7	670,550	8.8	33,200	7.0	13,500	7.6
Retail and commercial enterprise	625,650	9.2	585,450	9.2	22,450	7.1	17,750	13.6
Business, administration and law	584,000	7.1	540,350	7.1	30,400	6.4	13,250	7.5
Arts, media and publishing	465,100	9.8	445,550	9.9	14,800	6.9	4,750	15.2
Engineering and manufacturing technologies	405,750	4.9	373,550	4.9	23,050	4.8	9,200	5.2
Languages, literature and culture	394,800	4.8	382,100	5.0	8,300	1.7	4,400	2.5
Construction, planning and the built environment	220,750	2.7	201,100	2.6	15,150	3.2	4,500	2.6
Information and communication technology	220,750	7.6	201,100	7.7	15,150	4.7	4,500	10.0
Science and mathematics	165,950	2.0	156,650	2.1	7,950	1.7	1,400	0.8
Agriculture, horticulture and animal care	123,200	1.5	113,350	1.5	7,100	1.5	2,750	1.5
Education and training	97,050	1.2	91,150	1.2	4,550	1.0	1,350	0.8
History, philosophy and theology	42,350	0.5	40,850	0.5	550	0.1	950	0.5
Social sciences	4,550	0.1	4,200	0.1	250	0.1	50	0.0
<b>Total number of achievements</b>	<b>8,257,200</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>7,604,250</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>475,950</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>177,000</b>	<b>100</b>

The pie charts in figures 17 to 19 present the ten awarding organisations with the most achievements in each of the three countries, England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Tables 10 to 12 in the appendix present the achievements of the top 50 awarding organisations in each of the three countries.

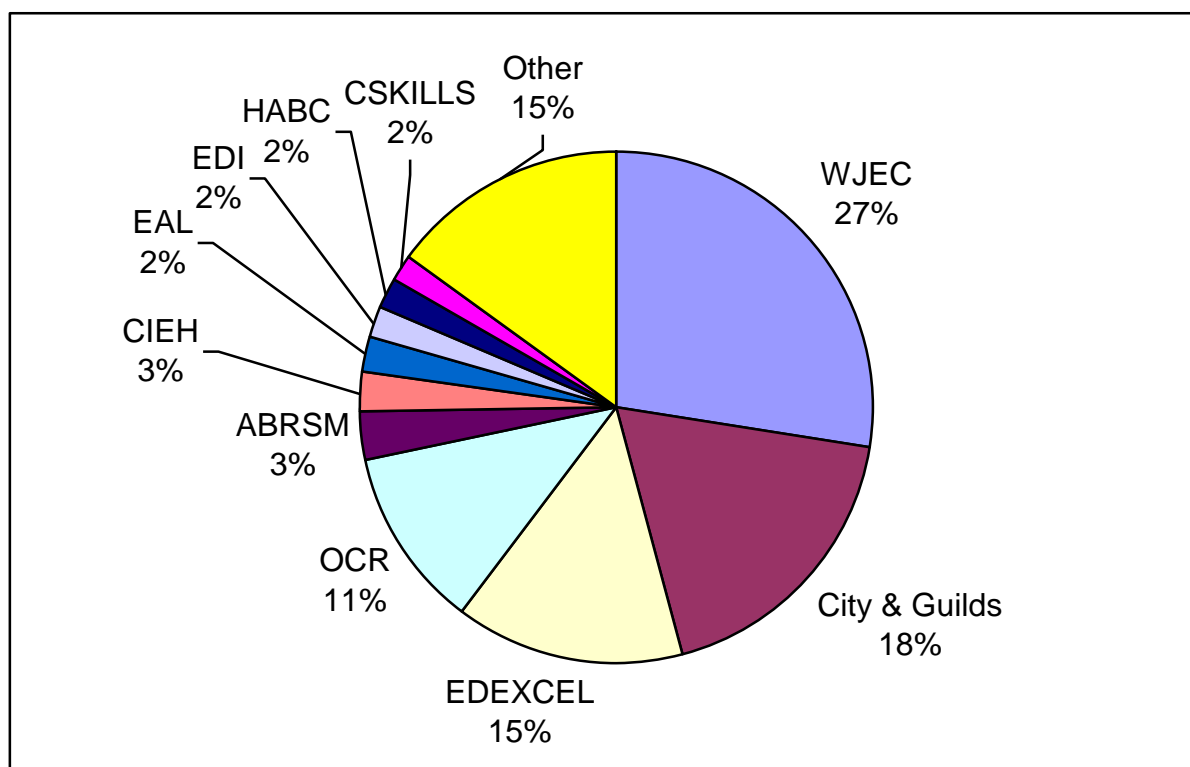
**Figure 17:** Top ten awarding organisations in England



During the 12 months to June 2012 in England, Edexcel awarded the highest number of achievements with over 1.5 million (representing 20 per cent of all achievements), followed by City & Guilds with 1.3 million (representing 17 per cent of the total).

Figures for the 50 awarding organisations with the greatest number of achievements in England are shown in table 10 in the appendix.

**Figure 18:** Top ten awarding organisations in Wales

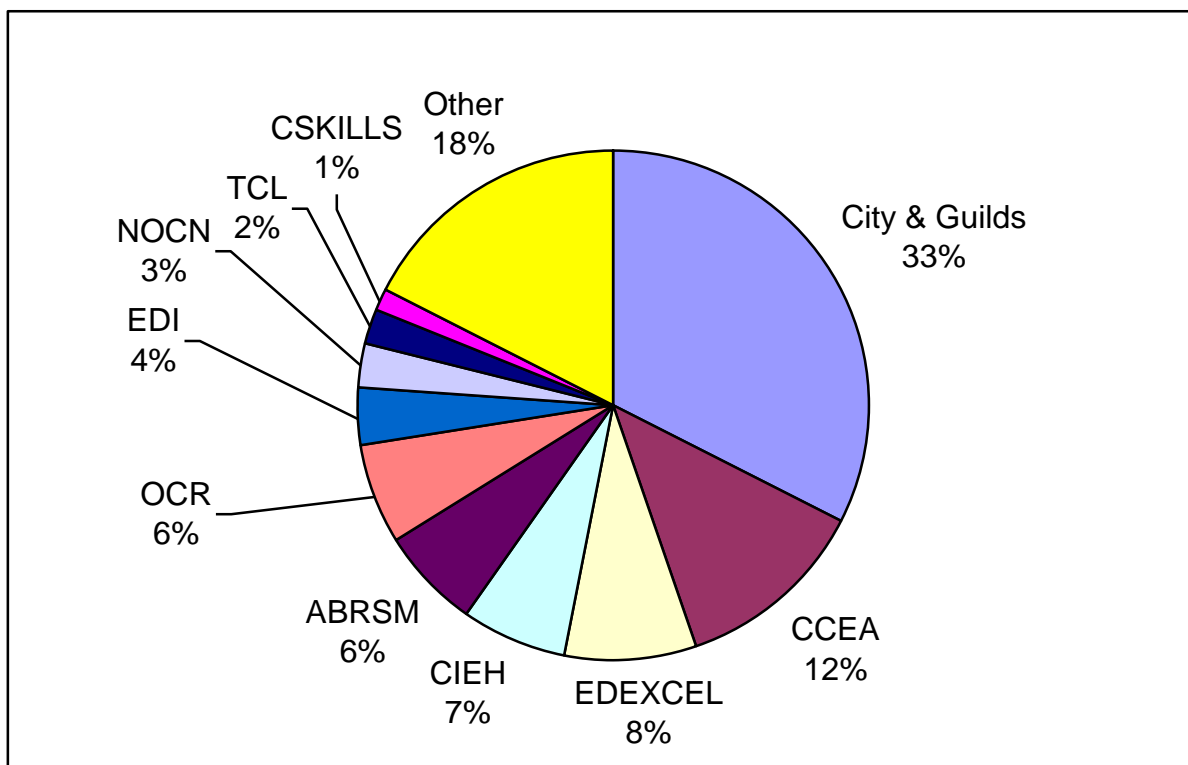


During the 12 months to June 2012 in Wales, WJEC awarded the highest number of achievements, with over 130,000 (representing 27 per cent of all achievements), followed by City & Guilds with over 86,000 (representing 18 per cent of the total).

Figures for the 50 awarding organisations with the greatest number of achievements in Wales are shown in table 11 in the appendix.



**Figure 19:** Top ten awarding organisations in Northern Ireland



During the 12 months to June 2012 in Northern Ireland, City and Guilds awarded the highest number of achievements with over 57,000 (representing 33 per cent of all achievements), followed by CCEA with over 21,000 (representing 12 per cent of the total).

Figures for the 50 awarding organisations with the greatest number of achievements in Northern Ireland are shown in table 12 in the appendix.

## Appendix

Table 1: Number of regulated vocational and other qualifications, from 2007-08 to April-June 2012  
England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Period	BS Basic skills	ESOL English for speakers of other languages	EL Entry level	FSMQ Free-standing mathematics qualifications	FS Functional skills	HL Higher level	KS Key skills	NVQ National vocational qualification	OQ Occupational qualification	OG Other general qualification	QCF Qualifications and Credit Framework	VRQ Vocationally related qualifications	Total number of qualifications
07-08	80	171	327	26	84	505	319	2,039	98	611	910	3,025	8,195
08-09	84	174	301	22	98	545	319	1,937	100	658	2,336	2,921	9,495
09-10	83	184	340	22	219	577	352	1,767	95	738	6,047	2,775	13,199
10-11	90	186	384	22	230	554	405	1,606	94	781	9,587	2,405	16,344
11-12	88	186	336	20	205	486	377	1,445	87	736	11,765	2,158	17,889
Oct-Dec 2007	80	149	321	26	84	421	319	1,874	95	526	240	2,714	6,849
Jan-Mar 2008	80	138	320	13	84	446	319	1,805	97	553	317	2,703	6,875
Apr-Jun 2008	74	149	318	13	72	423	319	1,866	87	562	273	2,455	6,611
Jul-Sep 2008	80	164	323	13	84	502	319	1,868	98	597	906	2,904	7,858
Oct-Dec 2008	80	157	299	13	83	472	319	1,653	86	635	628	2,543	6,968
Jan-Mar 2009	84	157	297	13	89	510	319	1,754	98	639	1,286	2,859	8,105
Apr-Jun 2009	84	159	298	22	89	500	319	1,778	100	631	1,442	2,843	8,265
Jul-Sep 2009	84	159	299	22	98	505	319	1,622	94	651	1,812	2,608	8,273
Oct-Dec 2009	83	159	288	22	92	526	170	1,687	91	153	2,545	2,731	8,547
Jan-Mar 2010	83	161	311	22	92	545	187	1,668	90	727	3,320	2,671	9,877
Apr-Jun 2010	83	163	303	22	180	534	342	1,657	90	600	3,490	2,666	10,130
Jul-Sep 2010	83	181	326	22	219	540	351	1,636	90	726	5,960	2,620	12,754
Oct-Dec 2010	83	170	325	22	171	552	356	1,604	94	722	6,659	2,388	13,146
Jan-Mar 2011	79	185	347	22	173	540	384	1,525	90	740	7,542	2,326	13,953
Apr-Jun 2011	84	185	339	22	185	529	355	1,530	90	712	8,544	2,296	14,871
Jul-Sep 2011	88	185	362	22	196	504	377	1,518	94	751	9,496	2,270	15,863
Oct-Dec 2011	88	176	334	20	202	484	377	1,432	87	724	10,337	2,113	16,374
Jan-Mar 2012	88	183	321	20	202	446	377	1,355	86	696	11,069	2,010	16,853
Apr-Jun 2012	88	186	315	20	201	423	368	1,305	86	678	11,690	1,971	17,331

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

Notes:

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2. Data is supplied by awarding organisations.
3. Annual data is for academic years, that is October to September.

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Table 2: Total achievements in vocational and other qualifications, from 2007-08 to April-June 2012, showing achievements per quarter and per 12 months to quarter ends

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Period	Total number of achievements	
	Apr-Jun 2012 (quarter)	Jul 2011-Jun 2012 (12 months)
07-08	6,344,300	23,561,100
08-09	7,270,500	27,171,750
09-10	7,949,450	30,327,300
10-11	7,884,200	31,607,050
11-12	4,717,900	24,337,900
Oct-Dec 2007	966,900	5,555,350
Jan-Mar 2008	1,077,150	5,699,550
Apr-Jun 2008	1,584,400	5,961,900
Jul-Sep 2008	2,715,850	6,344,300
Oct-Dec 2008	1,079,950	6,457,350
Jan-Mar 2009	1,217,450	6,597,700
Apr-Jun 2009	1,832,950	6,846,200
Jul-Sep 2009	3,140,150	7,270,500
Oct-Dec 2009	1,175,200	7,365,750
Jan-Mar 2010	1,284,750	7,433,050
Apr-Jun 2010	1,978,950	7,579,050
Jul-Sep 2010	3,510,550	7,949,450
Oct-Dec 2010	1,169,250	7,943,500
Jan-Mar 2011	1,265,800	7,924,550
Apr-Jun 2011	1,909,200	7,854,800
Jul-Sep 2011	3,539,950	7,884,200
Oct-Dec 2011	1,267,700	7,982,700
Jan-Mar 2012	1,381,100	8,098,000
Apr-Jun 2012	2,068,450	8,257,200

*Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database*

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Rounding: All figures are rounded to the nearest 50; values less than 25 will appear as zeros. Blank cells represent no achievements. Figures have been rounded independently so may not sum to the total.

Table 3: Total achievements in vocational and other qualifications by type of qualification, from 2007-08 to April-June 2012  
England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Period	BS Basic skills	ESOL English for speakers of other languages	EL Entry level	FSMQ Free-standing mathematics qualifications	FS Functional skills	HL Higher level	KS Key skills	NVQ National vocational qualifications	OQ Occupational qualifications	OG Other general qualifications	QCF Qualifications and Credit Framework	VRQ Vocationally related qualifications	Total number of achievements
07-08	740,800	259,050	331,850	18,500	21,100	52,200	776,250	727,900	24,450	897,100	33,700	2,461,400	6,344,300
08-09	869,250	273,150	308,100	19,600	122,400	44,650	897,550	922,850	26,450	951,100	228,600	2,606,750	7,270,500
09-10	829,850	332,500	239,350	23,750	242,250	46,600	885,250	978,950	23,200	969,100	771,100	2,607,500	7,949,450
10-11	611,550	273,950	160,100	25,500	566,550	30,150	618,400	587,300	17,500	767,400	2,828,700	1,397,150	7,884,200
11-12	378,400	181,400	23,900	950	359,400	10,050	402,300	104,500	3,650	107,300	2,844,500	301,600	4,717,900
Oct-Dec 2007	114,500	55,550	13,250			10,150	105,600	128,650	4,900	124,500	1,250	408,500	966,900
Jan-Mar 2008	193,450	46,950	27,250	800	350	9,000	93,400	140,700	4,950	129,700	4,650	425,950	1,077,150
Apr-Jun 2008	249,250	94,400	54,200		1,000	6,800	181,000	170,600	6,350	169,050	8,650	643,100	1,584,400
Jul-Sep 2008	183,600	62,150	237,100	17,700	19,700	26,300	396,300	287,900	8,300	473,800	19,150	983,850	2,715,850
Oct-Dec 2008	155,850	38,500	22,550		400	7,100	119,750	164,150	5,800	130,400	19,350	416,150	1,079,950
Jan-Mar 2009	220,200	68,100	28,750	700	20,050	8,900	120,100	169,650	5,250	123,600	42,250	409,900	1,217,450
Apr-Jun 2009	276,500	78,700	43,350		8,350	4,600	247,100	216,450	6,350	170,750	64,950	715,850	1,832,950
Jul-Sep 2009	216,700	87,850	213,450	18,900	93,600	24,050	410,650	372,650	9,100	526,400	102,050	1,064,850	3,140,150
Oct-Dec 2009	169,850	44,900	16,600		2,400	7,900	81,900	212,050	5,950	133,900	84,950	414,750	1,175,200
Jan-Mar 2010	214,900	52,550	19,600	850	28,500	8,250	117,150	203,950	5,150	110,850	135,000	387,950	1,284,750
Apr-Jun 2010	247,900	115,350	30,300		23,050	6,850	218,300	213,450	5,650	189,350	202,650	726,100	1,978,950
Jul-Sep 2010	197,200	119,650	172,850	22,900	188,300	23,600	467,900	349,550	6,450	535,000	348,500	1,078,700	3,510,550
Oct-Dec 2010	126,650	42,750	4,650		13,300	6,800	120,500	179,600	6,200	108,250	274,750	285,750	1,169,250
Jan-Mar 2011	170,800	62,350	7,350	1,550	63,000	7,450	124,050	154,950	4,050	49,700	455,400	165,150	1,265,800
Apr-Jun 2011	175,300	53,750	22,500		156,050	3,900	130,600	128,550	3,600	128,800	721,250	384,950	1,909,200
Jul-Sep 2011	138,800	115,100	125,600	23,900	334,300	12,000	243,250	124,200	3,600	480,650	1,377,300	561,300	3,539,950
Oct-Dec 2011	99,650	52,250	3,450		70,600	4,000	108,050	50,950	2,000	17,050	804,150	55,600	1,267,700
Jan-Mar 2012	127,500	67,900	6,100	500	96,800	3,600	130,650	31,000	1,000	46,450	818,600	51,000	1,381,100
Apr-Jun 2012	151,200	61,250	14,250		192,050	2,500	163,550	22,550	700	43,700	1,221,800	195,000	2,068,450

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Table 4: Top 50 awarding organisations by number of achievements in vocational and other qualifications for the quarter, April-June 2012 (April-June 2011 shown for comparison)

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Awarding organisation	Total number of achievements (for the quarter)	
	Apr-Jun 2011	Apr-Jun 2012
Pearson Education Ltd	369,500	457,300
City and Guilds of London Institute	367,700	358,150
OCR	332,700	329,100
EDI	72,800	90,750
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	81,550	79,550
Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music	83,500	76,650
NCFE	45,500	75,950
Highfield Awarding Body for Compliance	26,600	43,400
University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations	37,050	40,700
National Open College Network	48,950	36,750
Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network	24,150	35,950
Trinity College London	17,550	25,500
Sports Leaders UK	26,950	22,800
Excellence, Achievement & Learning Limited	22,000	22,700
BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT	22,100	22,450
Cskills Awards	25,600	21,500
British Safety Council	21,750	18,800
LAMDA Examinations	17,100	18,100
Assessment and Qualifications Alliance	17,750	17,600
1st4sport Qualifications	15,650	16,400
Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	11,900	15,900
Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing	10,800	15,300
Ascentis	14,000	15,200
BIIAB	12,850	14,050
IMI Awards Ltd	10,950	12,150
Rock School Ltd	9,100	10,550
VTCT	11,000	10,550
Skillsfirst Awards Ltd	15,450	10,400
Royal Academy of Dance	11,250	10,350
Association of Accounting Technicians	7,900	9,950
Institute of Leadership & Management	10,000	9,750
English Speaking Board (International) Ltd	6,600	7,500
Royal Society for Public Health	6,550	7,250
Institute of Qualified Lifeguards	5,750	6,750
Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment	8,250	6,400
University of West London	0	6,100
Central YMCA Qualifications	7,700	6,000
ABC Awards	7,400	5,700
Lifetime Awarding	3,350	5,100
Chartered Insurance Institute	3,150	4,900
Qualifi Ltd	0	4,800
Equestrian Qualifications Limited	4,900	4,700
Chartered Management Institute	7,550	4,350
Active IQ	2,850	3,400
IFS School of Finance	3,400	2,850
WSET Awards	2,900	2,800
First Aid Awards Ltd	1,050	2,150
Graded Qualifications Alliance	2,250	2,150
Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment	2,250	1,900
Amateur Swimming Association	1,750	1,850

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Table 5: Top 50 awarding organisations by number of achievements in vocational and other qualifications for the 12 months to quarter end, July 2011-June 2012 (July 2010-June 2011 shown for comparison)

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Awarding organisation	Total number of achievements (for the 12 months to quarter end)	
	Jul 2010-Jun 2011	Jul 2011-Jun 2012
Pearson Education Ltd	1,431,600	1,634,100
City and Guilds of London Institute	1,444,650	1,459,600
OCR	1,080,100	1,094,750
EDI	285,950	342,650
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	355,800	298,450
Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music	286,550	280,100
NCFE	209,600	258,150
Assessment and Qualifications Alliance	267,550	257,900
National Open College Network	197,800	231,100
University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations	172,700	171,800
WJEC-CBAC	130,550	157,550
Trinity College London	92,650	140,050
Highfield Awarding Body for Compliance	77,500	138,150
Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network	128,150	124,200
Skills Awards	113,700	104,600
Excellence, Achievement & Learning Limited	96,550	101,500
Sports Leaders UK	118,450	93,150
Skillsfirst Awards Ltd	34,900	85,850
BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT	77,400	81,750
British Safety Council	80,250	68,850
Ascentis	59,150	68,800
Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	68,350	65,400
VTCT	81,750	62,400
1st4sport Qualifications	62,300	61,500
IMI Awards Ltd	66,200	60,350
Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing	54,950	58,500
BIIAB	67,350	56,700
LAMDA Examinations	48,650	54,700
Institute of Leadership & Management	47,500	40,100
Royal Academy of Dance	36,500	37,850
Association of Accounting Technicians	34,850	35,750
ABC Awards	39,600	32,800
Rock School Ltd	25,000	32,550
International Baccalaureate Organisation	27,300	30,000
Royal Society for Public Health	33,150	29,250
Institute of Qualified Lifeguards	21,350	29,050
Central YMCA Qualifications	25,700	27,900
Chartered Management Institute	31,750	26,100
Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment	26,550	21,800
English Speaking Board (International) Ltd	16,850	17,350
Lifetime Awarding	7,150	17,050
Chartered Insurance Institute	9,700	15,100
Equestrian Qualifications Limited	10,150	12,650
Graded Qualifications Alliance	11,500	12,450
Active IQ	14,100	11,600
University of West London	0	11,600
University of Cambridge International Examinations	1,750	11,450
Signature	10,700	10,900
Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment	15,900	10,550
IFS School of Finance	7,700	10,250

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Table 6: Top 50 qualifications by number of achievements in vocational and other qualifications for the quarter, April-June 2012 (April-June 2011 shown for comparison)

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Qualification	Total number of achievements (for the quarter)	
	Apr-Jun 2011	Apr-Jun 2012
CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	51,400	48,750
OCR Level 2 National First Award in ICT	58,300	59,650
OCR Level 2 National Award in ICT	34,800	31,850
EDEXCEL BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Applied Science (QCF)	6,300	21,050
EDEXCEL Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 1	17,250	20,950
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 1) (QCF)	0	17,600
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at level 1	10,200	15,750
EDEXCEL BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Sport (QCF)	2,400	15,750
EDEXCEL Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 2	12,750	15,250
HABC Level 2 Award in Door Supervision (QCF)	6,800	15,000
Sports Leaders UK Level 1 Award in Sports Leadership (QCF)	12,900	14,500
Cambridge ESOL Level 1 Certificate in English (IELTS 5.5-6.5)	8,050	13,600
OCR Level 2 Certificate in Adult Literacy	16,600	13,350
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 2) (QCF)	0	13,100
OCR Level 1 Certificate in Adult Numeracy	15,700	12,650
EDEXCEL Level 2 Certificate in Adult Literacy	12,750	12,400
OCR Level 1 Certificate in Adult Literacy	13,900	12,200
BSC Entry Level Award in Workplace Hazard Awareness (Entry 3) (QCF)	6,200	12,000
BCS Level 2 Certificate in IT User Skills (ECDL Extra) (ITQ) (QCF)	12,750	11,650
CIEH Level 2 Award in Health and Safety in the Workplace (QCF)	12,450	11,550
OCR Level 2 Certificate in Adult Numeracy	15,150	11,350
EDEXCEL Level 2 Certificate in Adult Numeracy	12,050	11,150
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 3) (QCF)	0	10,700
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Entry 3	8,200	10,650
City & Guilds Level 1 Key Skills in Application of Number	10,450	9,750
EDEXCEL Functional Skills qualification in Information and Communication Technology	6,500	9,700
EDEXCEL Level 1 Key Skills in Application of Number	5,250	9,550
EDEXCEL BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Sport (QCF)	5,250	9,300
EDEXCEL Level 1 Key Skills in Communication	4,550	9,050
EDEXCEL BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Business (QCF)	1,050	8,950
NCFE Level 1 Award in Learning to Learn (QCF)	50	8,850
HABC Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	7,050	8,850
BIIAB Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders (QCF)	9,300	8,750
City & Guilds Level 1 Key Skills in Communication	9,000	8,650
City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Adult Literacy	10,500	8,500
EDEXCEL Functional Skills qualification in Information and Communication Technology	8,050	8,400
EDEXCEL BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Performing Arts (QCF)	1,850	8,200
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in Information and Communication Technology	6,950	8,150
City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Adult Numeracy	10,250	8,150
City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate in Adult Numeracy	9,900	7,900
ABRSM Level 2 Certificate in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 4) (QCF)	0	7,800
City & Guilds Entry Level Certificate in Adult Numeracy	8,800	7,700
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 1	4,000	7,600
OCR Level 2 National First Certificate in ICT	8,950	7,500
City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Functional Skills mathematics	3,150	7,400
BCS Level 1 Award in IT User Skills (ECDL Essentials) (ITQ) (QCF)	6,200	7,400
OCR Level 2 National Certificate in ICT	9,350	7,350
EDEXCEL Level 1 Certificate in Adult Literacy	6,200	7,100
City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate in Adult Literacy	8,800	7,000

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Table 7: Top 50 qualifications by number of achievements in vocational and other qualifications for the 12 months to quarter end, July 2011-June 2012 (July 2010-June 2011 shown for comparison)

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Qualification	Total number of achievements (for 12 months to quarter end)	
	Jul 2010- Jun 2011	Jul 2011- Jun 2012
CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	116,200	184,050
OCR Level 2 National First Award in ICT	73,050	118,700
OCR Level 2 National Award in ICT	41,650	75,800
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Music Performance	158,850	59,700
Sports Leaders UK Level 1 Award in Sports Leadership (QCF)	16,500	55,650
OCR Level 2 Certificate in Adult Literacy	57,950	49,250
OCR Level 1 Certificate in Adult Numeracy	54,950	48,100
EDEXCEL Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 1	17,850	46,400
OCR Level 2 Certificate in Adult Numeracy	52,050	45,100
CIEH Level 2 Award in Health and Safety in the Workplace (QCF)	31,350	44,600
OCR Level 1 Certificate in Adult Literacy	50,650	43,650
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 1) (QCF)	0	41,600
HABC Level 2 Award in Door Supervision (QCF)	14,600	41,250
EDEXCEL Level 2 Award in Digital Applications for IT Users	0	41,000
BCS Level 2 Certificate in IT User Skills (ECDL Extra) (ITQ) (QCF)	28,500	40,650
City & Guilds Level 1 Key Skills in Application of Number	52,750	39,350
EDEXCEL Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 2	12,750	38,750
BSC Level 1 Award in Health and Safety at Work (QCF)	40,050	36,800
Skillsfirst Level 2 Diploma in Retail Skills (QCF)	18,750	36,000
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Entry 3	11,450	35,500
AQA Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 2	11,600	35,400
EDEXCEL Level 1 Key Skills in Application of Number	29,250	34,750
EDEXCEL Level 2 Certificate in Adult Literacy	52,150	34,600
City & Guilds Level 1 Key Skills in Communication	49,400	34,050
BIIAB Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders (QCF)	9,300	33,800
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in Mathematics at Level 1	14,750	33,150
HABC Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	19,750	33,100
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 1	4,400	32,650
EDEXCEL Level 2 Certificate in Adult Numeracy	51,500	32,150
EDEXCEL Level 1 Key Skills in Communication	29,400	31,950
EDEXCEL BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Applied Science (QCF)	6,300	31,500
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 2) (QCF)	0	30,450
BSC Entry Level Award in Workplace Hazard Awareness (Entry 3) (QCF)	13,450	29,800
City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Adult Literacy	33,950	29,400
City & Guilds Entry Level Certificate in Adult Numeracy	49,100	29,250
BCS Level 1 Award in IT User Skills (ECDL Essentials) (ITQ) (QCF)	17,000	29,050
City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in English at Entry 3	7,700	28,450
City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Adult Numeracy	32,350	28,000
EDEXCEL Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 1	5,450	27,650
City & Guilds Level 2 Key Skills in Communication	50,400	27,300
NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Equality and Diversity (QCF)	2,050	26,950
City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate in Adult Numeracy	33,200	26,500
AQA Level 2 Certificate in Preparation for Working Life	27,950	26,350
AQA Level 1 Certificate in French (FCSE)	0	26,350
EDEXCEL Functional Skills qualification in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) at Level 2	6,500	26,150
Skillsfirst Level 2 Certificate in Retail Knowledge (QCF)	9,400	26,150
1st4sport Level 1 Award in Coaching Football (QCF)	13,650	25,800
OCR Level 2 National First Award in ICT	1,200	25,700
City & Guilds Level 2 Key Skills in Application of Number	39,000	25,350
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 3) (QCF)	0	25,350

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Table 8 - Total achievements in vocational and other qualifications by sector subject area of qualification, from 2007-08 to April-June 2012

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Period	Health, public services and care	Science and mathematics	Agriculture, horticulture and animal care	Engineering and manufacturing technologies	Construction, planning and the built environment	Information and communication technology	Retail and commercial enterprise	Leisure, travel and tourism	Arts, media and publishing	History, philosophy and theology	Social sciences	Languages, literature and culture	Education and training	Preparation for life and work	Business, administration and law	Total number of achievements
07-08	961,200	71,950	123,550	318,450	210,100	505,850	369,800	339,450	711,500	30,950	3,050	330,450	88,400	1,878,400	401,200	<b>6,344,300</b>
08-09	1,016,050	95,800	90,150	385,850	257,050	548,650	410,550	419,850	765,250	41,500	2,950	334,550	98,350	2,306,700	497,250	<b>7,270,500</b>
09-10	1,127,950	141,900	106,150	395,950	226,900	599,900	499,200	437,900	831,550	41,300	3,150	341,850	118,300	2,533,650	543,800	<b>7,949,450</b>
10-11	789,550	166,600	119,950	417,650	208,050	607,100	690,200	482,650	775,400	45,550	4,450	377,250	107,300	2,553,750	538,800	<b>7,884,200</b>
11-12	466,400	49,750	67,550	236,450	123,000	309,700	504,800	251,300	456,600	750	450	156,400	59,100	1,647,300	382,550	<b>4,712,100</b>
Oct-Dec 2007	200,000	250	13,850	48,300	33,300	49,900	65,200	57,250	124,200	0	0	37,900	17,100	258,300	61,250	<b>966,900</b>
Jan-Mar 2008	208,850	1,150	24,100	48,200	33,500	63,850	63,850	47,250	116,650	0	0	45,650	17,200	329,450	77,450	<b>1,077,150</b>
Apr-Jun 2008	244,800	13,750	42,450	72,550	44,400	103,250	89,950	88,150	168,000	0	50	82,950	20,600	515,750	97,700	<b>1,584,400</b>
Jul-Sep 2008	307,600	56,850	43,150	149,350	98,850	288,900	150,800	146,750	302,650	30,950	2,950	163,900	33,450	774,900	164,800	<b>2,715,850</b>
Oct-Dec 2008	204,250	450	15,350	70,050	39,150	48,050	63,250	69,750	135,250	450	0	22,700	19,450	320,300	71,500	<b>1,079,950</b>
Jan-Mar 2009	218,350	1,600	16,050	64,900	35,250	68,600	67,950	59,450	108,850	150	0	49,950	16,850	417,200	92,250	<b>1,217,450</b>
Apr-Jun 2009	252,100	25,850	20,250	87,000	75,950	129,200	106,300	114,400	185,000	10,450	50	61,100	19,050	614,050	132,200	<b>1,832,950</b>
Jul-Sep 2009	341,300	67,900	38,500	163,950	106,700	302,700	173,100	176,250	336,150	30,500	2,850	200,800	43,000	955,150	201,300	<b>3,140,150</b>
Oct-Dec 2009	242,000	700	17,000	73,150	35,500	45,350	86,900	73,650	136,850	50	0	26,950	23,250	316,050	97,700	<b>1,175,200</b>
Jan-Mar 2010	251,300	2,500	18,150	65,400	32,000	70,900	91,400	56,000	107,350	0	200	44,200	22,450	418,800	104,050	<b>1,284,750</b>
Apr-Jun 2010	271,700	41,950	23,350	86,750	55,250	179,950	117,400	122,350	236,500	0	100	63,350	26,850	619,300	134,150	<b>1,978,950</b>
Jul-Sep 2010	362,900	96,750	47,650	170,650	104,100	303,650	203,450	185,900	350,850	41,200	2,850	207,350	45,750	1,179,500	207,950	<b>3,510,550</b>
Oct-Dec 2010	213,400	1,500	17,350	61,550	32,700	43,750	107,500	72,850	140,350	750	100	27,300	21,500	332,750	95,900	<b>1,169,250</b>
Jan-Mar 2011	152,450	3,000	9,500	88,200	28,000	67,500	165,700	71,250	73,300	50	150	40,200	23,250	436,750	106,500	<b>1,265,800</b>
Apr-Jun 2011	172,850	45,850	37,450	98,600	49,650	179,850	170,100	124,750	206,750	3,100	100	71,350	24,650	589,000	135,150	<b>1,909,200</b>
Jul-Sep 2011	250,800	116,200	55,650	169,300	97,750	316,000	246,900	213,800	355,000	41,600	4,100	238,400	37,950	1,195,300	201,200	<b>3,539,950</b>
Oct-Dec 2011	140,400	1,850	20,400	79,450	35,600	48,150	170,250	67,000	126,350	550	250	42,950	16,750	409,050	108,700	<b>1,267,700</b>
Jan-Mar 2012	134,800	3,100	20,000	69,650	35,250	71,700	162,550	57,500	107,400	150	150	44,050	20,250	532,950	121,550	<b>1,381,100</b>
Apr-Jun 2012	191,250	44,800	27,100	87,350	52,150	189,850	176,800	126,800	222,850	50	50	69,400	22,100	705,400	152,550	<b>2,068,450</b>

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Table 9: Total achievements in vocational and other qualifications by second tier subject sector area, for the quarter, April-June 2012 (April-June 2011 shown for comparison)

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Sector subject area	Total number of achievements (for the quarter)	
	Apr-Jun 2011	Apr-Jun 2012
01.1 Medicine and dentistry	450	100
01.2 Nursing and subjects and vocations allied to medicine	1,300	800
01.3 Health and social care	119,200	126,150
01.4 Public services	30,700	45,850
01.5 Child development and well-being	21,600	18,300
02.1 Science	45,150	44,750
02.2 Mathematics and statistics	750	50
03.1 Agriculture	11,550	6,100
03.2 Horticulture and forestry	13,000	8,600
03.3 Animal care and veterinary science	7,150	6,900
03.4 Environmental conservation	5,400	5,550
04.1 Engineering	43,100	31,750
04.2 Manufacturing technologies	30,800	32,500
04.3 Transportation operations and maintenance	24,700	23,100
05.1 Architecture	1,950	1,100
05.2 Building and construction	47,700	51,000
05.3 Urban, rural and regional planning	0	0
06.1 ICT practitioners	15,950	18,800
06.2 ICT for users	163,900	171,050
07.1 Retailing and wholesaling	24,350	18,700
07.2 Warehousing and distribution	9,350	8,950
07.3 Service enterprises	27,300	33,300
07.4 Hospitality and catering	109,100	115,900
08.1 Sport, leisure and recreation	115,750	119,350
08.2 Travel and tourism	9,050	7,450
09.1 Performing arts	169,850	183,400
09.2 Crafts, creative arts and design	28,100	29,450
09.3 Media and communication	8,200	9,850
09.4 Publishing and information services	700	150
10.1 History	100	0
10.2 Archaeology and archaeological sciences	0	0
10.3 Philosophy	0	0
10.4 Theology and religious studies	3,000	50
11.1 Geography	50	0
11.2 Sociology and social policy	100	50
11.3 Politics	0	0
11.4 Economics	0	0
12.1 Languages, literature and culture of the British Isles	29,550	33,500
12.2 Other languages, literature and culture	41,800	35,950
13.1 Teaching and lecturing	15,800	13,000
13.2 Direct learning support	8,850	9,100
14.1 Foundations for learning and life	556,800	634,900
14.2 Preparation for work	32,200	70,500
15.1 Accounting and finance	23,350	26,450
15.2 Administration	44,550	59,750
15.3 Business management	64,650	64,600
15.4 Marketing and sales	1,300	1,250
15.5 Law and legal services	1,200	500

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Table 10: England - top 50 awarding organisations by number of achievements in vocational and other qualifications, for the 12 months July 2011-June 2012

**England only**

Awarding organisation	Total number of achievements
	Jul 2011-Jun 2012 (12 months)
Pearson Education Ltd	1,549,750
City and Guilds of London Institute	1,315,700
OCR	1,030,300
EDI	326,700
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	274,050
NCFE	256,250
Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music	254,200
Assessment and Qualifications Alliance	253,600
National Open College Network	222,300
University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations	167,450
Trinity College London	134,300
Highfield Awarding Body for Compliance	127,050
Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network	118,900
Cskills Awards	94,900
Excellence, Achievement & Learning Limited	90,950
Sports Leaders UK	90,600
Skillsfirst Awards Ltd	85,850
BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT	76,500
Ascentis	68,500
British Safety Council	63,350
Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	62,050
1st4sport Qualifications	59,250
IMI Awards Ltd	57,400
Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing	56,150
LAMDA Examinations	54,700
VTCT	54,650
BIIAB	54,450
Royal Academy of Dance	35,300
Institute of Leadership & Management	34,400
Association of Accounting Technicians	34,250
ABC Awards	31,650
International Baccalaureate Organisation	28,300
Rock School Ltd	28,150
Institute of Qualified Lifeguards	27,650
Central YMCA Qualifications	26,750
WJEC-CBAC	26,400
Chartered Management Institute	25,400
Royal Society for Public Health	25,050
Lifetime Awarding	17,050
English Speaking Board (International) Ltd	16,950
Chartered Insurance Institute	14,450
Graded Qualifications Alliance	12,000
Equestrian Qualifications Limited	11,750
University of Cambridge International Examinations	11,400
Active IQ	11,200
Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment	10,350
Signature	10,050
IFS School of Finance	9,600
WSET Awards	9,500
University of West London	8,650

*Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database*

Notes:

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Table 11: Wales - top 50 awarding organisations by number of achievements in vocational and other qualifications, for the 12 months July 2011-June 2012

**Wales only**

Awarding organisation	Total number of achievements
	Jul 2011-Jun 2012 (12 months)
WJEC-CBAC	131,100
City and Guilds of London Institute	86,550
Pearson Education Ltd	69,550
OCR	53,400
Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music	14,600
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	12,400
Excellence, Achievement & Learning Limited	10,500
EDI	9,700
Highfield Awarding Body for Compliance	9,400
Cskills Awards	7,150
VTCT	6,750
BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT	4,200
Institute of Leadership & Management	4,100
British Safety Council	3,850
National Open College Network	3,750
Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network	3,500
Royal Society for Public Health	3,050
Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	2,900
University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations	2,850
Rock School Ltd	2,750
IMI Awards Ltd	2,350
Assessment and Qualifications Alliance	2,300
Sports Leaders UK	2,250
BIIAB	2,150
Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing	2,050
1st4sport Qualifications	2,000
Trinity College London	1,750
Royal Academy of Dance	1,700
International Baccalaureate Organisation	1,700
Association of Accounting Technicians	1,450
Safety Training Awards	1,400
NCFE	1,150
Central YMCA Qualifications	950
Institute of Qualified Lifeguards	950
ABC Awards	900
University of West London	650
Chartered Management Institute	550
Equestrian Qualifications Limited	500
FDQ Limited	450
Lantra Awards	400
Amateur Swimming Association	400
IFS School of Finance	400
English Speaking Board (International) Ltd	400
Chartered Insurance Institute	350
Signature	350
First Aid Awards Ltd	350
Engineering Construction Industry Training Board	300
Industry Qualifications	250
Ascentis	250
McDonalds	200

*Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database*

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Table 12: Northern Ireland - top 50 awarding organisations by number of achievements in vocational and other qualifications, for the 12 months July 2011-June 2012

**Northern Ireland only**

Awarding organisation	Total number of achievements
	Jul 2011-Jun 2012 (12 months)
City and Guilds of London Institute	57,350
Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment	21,700
Pearson Education Ltd	14,800
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	12,000
Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music	11,300
OCR	11,050
EDI	6,250
National Open College Network	5,000
Trinity College London	4,050
Cskills Awards	2,500
University of West London	2,300
Assessment and Qualifications Alliance	2,050
Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network	1,800
Highfield Awarding Body for Compliance	1,700
Rock School Ltd	1,700
British Safety Council	1,650
Institute of Leadership & Management	1,650
University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations	1,550
New Era Academy of Drama and Music (London) Ltd	1,350
ETC Awards Limited	1,150
Royal Society for Public Health	1,100
VTCT	1,050
BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT	1,000
Royal Academy of Dance	850
NCFE	700
Counselling and Psychotherapy Central Awarding Body	700
IMI Awards Ltd	600
Institute of Qualified Lifeguards	500
Signature	500
Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education	450
WSET Awards	450
Graded Qualifications Alliance	450
Future (Awards and Qualifications) Ltd	400
Equestrian Qualifications Limited	400
Prince's Trust	350
Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing	350
Active IQ	350
International Association of Book-Keepers	350
Chartered Insurance Institute	300
Sports Leaders UK	300
ABC Awards	300
FDQ Limited	250
1st4sport Qualifications	250
Central YMCA Qualifications	250
IFS School of Finance	200
Chartered Management Institute	150
WAMITAB	150
Mineral Products Qualifications Council	150
Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment	150
First Aid Awards Ltd	100

*Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database*

Notes:

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